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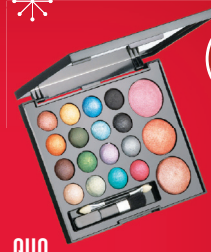

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**RESEARCH** The effects of daily cannabis use on teenage brains is worse than originally thought and the long-term effects appear to be irreversible, new research from McGill University suggests.

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# Torch sparks protest

## Warm GTA welcome for the most part, but group blocks route

**The Olympic torch relay through Toronto didn't go according to the script Thursday evening when about 100 anti-Olympic protesters blocked a downtown street.**

Officials took the torch by convoy to the Hospital for Sick Children where several torchbearers displayed the flame for cheering young patients gathered in the lobby.

Several runners who missed their chance to carry the torch on the planned route passed the flame from torch to torch in the hospital.

The flame arrived about an hour late at Nathan Phillips Square, where Olympic hockey star Vicky Sunohara lit a cauldron before thousands of cheering spectators.

Thousands of people braved the cold to catch a glimpse of the Olympic torch being carried by numerous runners, including father and son filmmakers Ivan and Jason Reitman, Olympic rower Marnie McBean, ballet dancer Karen Kain and Canada's first female astronaut Roberta Bondar.

"It was great. I kind of walked because my school was out there and they were walking, too. It was just great," said a beaming Bondar.

Dozens of students from Roberta Bondar Public School in Brampton came out to cheer Bondar on.

Bondar said she hoped to attend the Olympics in Vancouver.

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Vicky Sunohara, who twice won Olympic gold with the Canadian women's hockey team, lights the Olympic torch Thursday night in Nathan Phillips Square. The Vancouver 2010 Olympic torch relay continues its route through Toronto Friday. More coverage, page 2.

The Reitmans who were among those who got to carry the torch before it was met by the demonstration, had heard the weather would be chilly, so they took some extra precautions before heading to Toronto — they packed long underwear.

When Ivan Reitman finished his leg of the relay, he lit his son's torch and the two men embraced.

Jason Reitman said he had tears in his eyes the whole way.

"I've been trying not to cry this entire time and this is just extraordinary," he said.

"I can't tell you what it feels like to hold the Olympic flame. It's bigger than you can imagine."

The relay began the day before sunrise in Oshawa and then made its way through Whitby, Ajax, Pickering, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Markham and Thornhill. The relay will continue through Toronto Friday.

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# Olympic spirit soars in GTA

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**Left: Director/producer Ivan Reitman passes the flame to his son, Golden Globe-nominated director Jason Reitman on Yonge Street Thursday. Below: Two time Olympic silver medalist in figure skating Brian Orser runs with the Olympic Flame in Pickering Thursday.**

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**The Olympic torch made it's way around the GTA yesterday, on its way to Vancouver for the 2010 Games.**

Father and son filmmakers Ivan and Jason Reitman, Olympic rower Marnie McBean, ballet dancer Karen Kain, Olympic figure skating silver medalist Brian Orser were just some who took turns carrying the torch in the GTA yesterday.

The relay began before sunrise east of the city in Oshawa and then made its way through Whitby, Ajax, Pickering, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Markham and Thornhill.

After a visit to Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, the flame arrived downtown at Nathan Phillips Square where Olympic hockey star Vicky Sunohara lit the cauldron.

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**Top: Vancouver Canucks elite prospect Cody Hodgson runs through school children as he carries the Olympic Torch in Markham Thursday.**
**Right: Canadian activist and founder of Free The Children Craig Kielburger carries the Olympic Flame down Yonge Street Thursday.**

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**Man charged with manslaughter**

A Mississauga man has been charged with manslaughter after a fatal traffic accident. Police allege the suspect and the victim became involved in an altercation on Wednesday in Mississauga. Mohammad Al-Kassem, 25, has been charged with one count of manslaughter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Going for a spin in Denmark

## Toronto mayor finds inspiration in Copenhagen's biking culture

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**Toronto Mayor David Miller thinks a lot more people should commute on bikes.**

David Miller has, along with other mayors from big cities all over the world, spent the last few days in Copenhagen, which is hosting the UN climate summit, COP15.

But the lord mayor of Copenhagen, Ritt Bjerregaard, is also hosting a mayors summit, enabling the cities to exchange ideas and practical solutions.

"I have been very impressed with the biking culture of Copenhagen," said Miller. "A vast amount of people use their bikes to get to and from work or their studies, even on a day like today when it's snowing."

SOREN RUD/METRO WORLD

Mayor David Miller is impressed both by Copenhagen's biking culture and its offshore windmills.

Actually, Miller is the only one of the mayors assembled who looks totally at ease in the freezing cold and whirling snow of the Danish capital. Most of the other mayors are nearly unrecognizable, hidden as they are behind scarves and hats and tightly wrapped coats. But he even wears his Toronto Football Club scarf loosely.

"I feel at home in this weather," he said.

And so do the bikers of Copenhagen. Because the local government clears the bike paths of snow before or at the same time that they clear the roads. Just like they get a green light in crossings before the cars do.

"In Copenhagen, biking and walking has priority, and I would like to take that back to Toronto," David Miller said.

Another thing he wants to take home is the windmills. Yesterday he went with most of the other mayors to study the offshore park of windmills just outside Copenhagen. The park has become a landmark of the capital, one of the first things that people see, whether they come by plane or by boat to Copenhagen.

"They are beautiful. I really believe we should have offshore windmills in Toronto," Miller said. "There is a lot of debate going on, saying they will mar the view. But just look at them here — they are beautiful."

**"In Copenhagen, biking and walking has priority, and I would like to take that back to Toronto."**
Mayor David Miller

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Watch a video of Mayor Miller test-riding a bike with the Copenhagen Wheel at:
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## Man charged after attempted abductions

**CRIME** A Toronto man faces three charges of attempted child abduction.

Police responded to a call for attempted child abduction on Allen Ave., in the area of Broadview Ave. and Dundas St. E., on Dec. 16.

A child was walking home when a man allegedly exited his vehicle and attempted to force the child into his vehicle.

Passers-by intervened and held the man until police arrived.

The day before, there were reports that the same man approached two separate young children on Mimico Ave, in the area of Royal York Rd. and Lake Shore Blvd. W.

The suspect is said to have attempted to lure them into his vehicle, but his failure to do so reportedly saw him flee the scene.

Joseph Troisi, 53, is charged with abduction of a person under the age of 14 and two counts of criminal harassment.

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# Health-care freeze may affect services: Critics

## Longer lines, higher fees predicted by some

**Ontario residents should expect to pay for more health-care services and endure longer lineups if the Liberal government follows through on its threat to freeze funding for hospitals next year, critics said Thursday.**

Health Minister Deb Matthews has reportedly warned hospitals that she may freeze their budgets starting in the spring because the province is grappling with a $24.7-billion deficit — the largest in its history.

The most hospitals can hope for is an increase below last year's 2.1 per cent, which critics say is so meagre it has already forced hospitals to close beds and cut services.

The Liberals are now pleading poverty after foisting a health tax of up to $900 per person on Ontario taxpayers, said Progressive Conservative health critic Christine Elliott.

"The reality will be that a lot of hospitals are going to have to start cutting services to the public, and that's directly in contrast to what the minister originally said," Elliott said in an interview.

"I think taxpayers have every right to be outraged about this."

More than a third of Ontario hospitals — 61 in total — couldn't balance their books last year, amounting to a $154-million shortfall.

That number will only grow if the government starves hospitals of a much-needed cash infusion, critics say.

Patients will be forced to travel further for health care, wait longer for a hospital bed and may even have to fork over cash for services, said Natalie Mehra, executive director of the Ontario Health Coalition.

"It means that we'll likely see attempts to close more of the small and rural hospitals," she said.

"It means that more services like physiotherapy will be cut and people will have to pay out of pocket for them ... It means longer lineups in the ERs because there's not enough hospital beds."

Premier Dalton McGuinty vowed in October to help cash-strapped hospitals through tough economic times, but there are signs that a freeze on hospital funding is imminent.

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Tory health critic Christine Elliot says that "taxpayers have every right to be outraged about this."

## Judge reaffirms that nurses can't sue province over SARS

**HEALTH** Registered nurses say they are devastated that the Supreme Court of Canada has refused to hear their appeal of an earlier decision that nurses who contracted SARS could not sue the Ontario government.

The Ontario Nurses' Association says the Supreme Court denied their appeal, filed on behalf of 53 nurses who contracted SARS while caring for infected patients in 2003.

The Ontario Court of Appeal ruled last May that Ontario is obliged to protect the public from the spread of communicable diseases, but can't be held financially responsible to people who catch those diseases.

The court said that applies to nurses as well as the public.

Association president Linda Haslam-Stroud says the Supreme Court's refusal today to hear an appeal of that ruling is another blow to the profession.

**"The courts have sent the message ... their health is unimportant."**
Linda Haslam-Stroud, Nurses' Association

She says nurses continues to suffer position cuts, heavier workloads and other challenges while simply trying to provide quality care to patients.

"The courts have sent the message to front-line registered nurses who were infected with SARS that their health is unimportant," Haslam-Stroud said in a statement.

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## Magna to open ultra-light auto parts centre

**MANUFACTURING** Magna International Inc. will announce the creation of a new centre to help develop ultra-light materials for new vehicles.

Federal Industry Minister Tony Clement will be in Woodbridge, north of Toronto, Friday to announce a partnership between Canada's biggest auto parts supplier and the National Research Council of Canada.

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**Halton constable charged after investigation into relationship**

A Halton police constable has been charged with domestic abuse after an investigation wrapped into his relationship with his ex-common-law wife of two years on Wednesday. The accused, Jason Briand, was arrested and charged with several criminal offences including assault, uttering death threats, and criminal harassment. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# 'Great Global Recession' appearing to ease

**Consumer prices rose more than expected last month, but there were few signs the Canadian economy was heating up sufficiently to cause the Bank of Canada to jump the gun on interest rate hikes.**

Canada's inflation increased for the second straight month to hit an eight-month high of one per cent in November, Statistics Canada reported. That's 0.2 points above consensus in another signal the economy is normalizing.

But prospects for further monthly jumps were slim, and core inflation, which excludes volatile items such as food and energy costs, actually fell three-tenths of a point to 1.5 per cent, still one-half point below the central bank's favoured level.

Thursday also saw a flurry of economic forecasts that predicts Canada will lead the G7 industrial nations in growth next year, although at 2.7 per cent, it resembles a race of economic turtles.

The good news is that according to several bank reports, the world economy will advance at an about four per cent pace next year and almost all nations have now begun growing.

"The day has finally arrived that we can confidently say the Global Great Recession has ended," declared Beata Caranci, director of forecasting with the TD Bank.

In an interview on Business News Network, central bank governor Mark Carney did not disagree with the assertion, although his words were more circumspect.

"At this stage we see more likely growth is becoming a little more solidly entrenched (internationally), but it is not assured," he told the cable TV business channel based in Toronto.

The central banker was as inscrutable as he was during a Wednesday news conference on the question of whether he would consider raising rates before his conditional commitment to keep the policy rate at 0.25 per cent expires at the end of June.

Central bankers use higher rates to control inflationary pressures in the economy, trying to clamp down on excessive borrowing and spending that often fuel price increases for goods, services, wages and housing.

Carney has for months stuck to the line that the commitment was conditional and could change if conditions change. But he also repeated his warning that Canadians who take out big loans, such as mortgages, should realize rates will rise at some time and so will the cost of servicing those loans.

Nothing in Thursday's inflation numbers gives Carney reasons to move earlier, economists said. Inflation superficially appears to be growing by leaps and bounds — a one percentage point bounce in October followed by a 0.9 per cent jump in November — but the movement is more apparent than real. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Provincial rates

- Here's what happened to inflation in the provinces and territories. (Previous month in brackets):
- Newfoundland and Labrador 1.1 (-0.4)
- Prince Edward Island 1.9 (-0.8)
- New Brunswick 2.2 (0.5)
- Quebec 1.7 (0.5)
- Ontario 1.0 (0.2)
- Manitoba 0.8 (0.1)
- Saskatchewan 0.8 (0.3)
- Alberta 0.8 (0.1)
- British Columbia 0.1 (-0.6)
- Whitehorse, Yukon -0.6 (-1.3)
- Yellowknife, N.W.T. 0.5 (0.0)
- Iqaluit, Nunavut -0.6 (0.5)

## City rates

- Statistics Canada released rates for major cities, but cautioned that figures may fluctuate widely because they are based on small statistical samples
- St. John's, N.L., 1.2 (-0.1)
- Charlottetown-Summerside, 1.9 (-0.7)
- Halifax, 1.7 (-0.3)
- Saint John, N.B., 2.4 (0.8)
- Quebec, 2.0 (0.7)
- Montreal, 1.8 (0.7)
- Ottawa, 1.1 (0.4)
- Toronto, 0.8 (0.3)
- Thunder Bay, Ont., 0.1 (-0.6)
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- Victoria, 0.1 (-0.5)

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Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney

# Higher holiday sales show renewed buyer confidence

**SHOPPING** Canadian shoppers are opening their wallets a lot wider this year than last despite concerns over the economy, according to a new survey that tallies retail sales.

**11.4%** Clothing sales shot up by 11.4 per cent across Canada last weekend.

Moneris Solutions Corp., a debit and credit card payments processor, says its figures show sales are up sharply leading into the last weekend before Christmas.

The survey, released Thursday, tracks national sales in the final five weekends of the pre-holiday season. It says that in the first weekend of December, shoppers spent five per cent more overall, with department stores the clear winner as their sales shot up 12.8 per cent.

Clothing stores saw a 5.4 per cent increase in sales in the Dec. 4-6 weekend, while drugstores reported a 3.8 per cent increase.

Last weekend, Dec. 11-13, it was the turn of apparel retailers as they rang in an 11.4 per cent increase in sales amid an overall six per cent jump compared with 2008.

"As the Canadian economy begins a trend toward recovery, the increase in pre-holiday spending is a clear indication of renewed consumer confidence," said David Ades, Moneris' senior vice-president, sales and marketing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Barrick exec loses cancer battle

**DEATH** Barrick Gold Corp. said Thursday its executive vice-chairman Greg Wilkins has died after battling cancer for more than a year.

The former CEO died Wednesday at the age of 53. He is survived by his wife and two children.

"This is the loss of a dear friend who played a vital role in Barrick's growth," said Peter Munk, Barrick's founder and chairman.

Wilkins held a series of roles in the company over the past 30 years, including chief financial officer in the early '90s, and the office of president and chief executive officer from 2003 to March 2008.

He was also a member of the board of directors since 1991. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Burlington software developer acquired by Komutel**

Telecommunications equipment provider Komutel said Thursday it has bought Burlington, Ont.,-based software developer ConverTec Inc. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Actors Donald Faison, left, and Zach Braff, of the television show Scrubs.

# Racial bias found in TV body language: Study

**Racist body language comes through loud and clear on television, even when the sound is off, a new study shows.**

Through a set of ingeniously concocted experiments, reported Friday in the journal Science, researchers show that white characters in television series display far more negative body language toward their black peers than to members of their own race.

The bias conveyed by these body clues is not only recognized subconsciously by people who watch the shows, but significantly influences their feelings about the black characters.

"Sadly, we observed that nonverbal race bias is a typical pattern on scripted television shows," lead study author Max Weisbuch said in a release on the paper.

"White characters are treated better across the board and this has an impact on viewers," said Weisbuch, a postdoctoral psychologist at Massachusetts's Tufts University.

In the first experiment, researchers used clips from 11 different television programs — including Bones, Grey's Anatomy, CSI and Scrubs — and digitally removed one of the characters participating in the scenes.

They then muted any on-screen conversations and recruited college students who had never seen the episodes to watch.

"We took out the target character, who was either black or white, and the (remaining) character was always white," senior study author Nalini Ambady said in an interview with the Toronto Star.

"Then we just showed people and said 'how much does this person like the person they're interacting with?'" said Ambady, a Tufts social psychologist.

The student viewers, it was found, consistently judged the body language expressed by the visible white characters as more negative whenever the unseen character in the scene was black.

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## More funding needed to fix family law system: Experts

**COURTS** Family law changes aimed at making divorce faster and less combative in Ontario area are good first steps, but without increased funding, it's not clear how effective those changes will be, experts said Thursday.

A push toward mediation and a streamlining of the court process could keep parents away from bitter courtroom battles, said Philip Epstein, a veteran family lawyer in Toronto. But what's really needed, he said, is a unified system across the province, as well as specialized judges equipped to handle tough cases.

"There's an attempt to explain away the mysteries, simplify the system," said Epstein. "But you can't accomplish significant reform without significant resources, and the attorney general has made it clear that the government, in these difficult economic times, has no resources to throw at the problem."

Attorney General Chris Bentley announced the long-promised changes Thursday, saying they should make divorce proceedings faster, less expensive and less combative.

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### Redistribution

- The changes to the family law don't involve any new funds, but rather a redistribution of the province's current resources. Some of the $150 million committed to legal aid over the next four years, for instance, will go toward providing more access to legal advice.

## Towers' tenants get OK to appeal property tax ruling

**TAX** The tenants of Toronto's biggest office towers have been given another chance at a $150 million property tax refund.

The Ontario Court of Appeal has granted the owners of the towers permission to appeal a ruling that would have rejected the towers' quest for lower property taxes. Since their application dates back to 2000, they could be owed a refund of up to $150 million if they are successful, and would continue to pay low taxes going forward.

A dozen of the big office towers housing the head offices of Canada's big banks and corporations have appealed their assessments all the way back to 2001. If they win, they could be owed retroactive refunds. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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**Man critical after shooting in Junction**

A 27-year-old man was shot in Toronto's Junction neighbourhood, near Dundas Street West and Dupont Street, early Tuesday morning. The victim was located at 111 Edwin Ave. suffering from several gunshot wounds to his body. He remains in critical condition in hospital. Police are still looking for suspects. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Communication barrier in same-sex couples financial planning

Over the past decade, major inroads have been made into broadening the rights of same-sex couples in Canada, but when it comes down to financial planning some advisers say important differences remain.

Often it comes down to how same-sex couples manage their long-term financial goals and whether they have really addressed what would happen if one partner was to die without the proper documents in place.

Those potential pitfalls can usually be avoided if they're anticipated and a financial plan is etched out, but sometimes that's the hardest part, said Julia Chung, a branch manager at the Bank of Montreal in downtown Toronto.

**"You find out afterwards and then the (financial) plan you thought was for one goal doesn't make sense any more."**
Julia Chung, Bank of Montreal

Some lesbian, gay, transgendered or bisexual individuals — and even long-term couples — don't like to discuss their personal lives with outsiders, or they omit crucial details that could impact their financial futures.

"You find out afterwards, and then the (financial) plan you thought was for one goal doesn't make sense any more," Chung said.

Creating that open dialogue has been one of the greatest challenges for many same-sex couples and their advisers.

TD Waterhouse vice-president Patricia Lovett-Reid said preparing a will and keeping it updated is one of the most important aspects of a financial plan.

"Family members who are excluded from a will ... may challenge the validity. Make sure your wills are ... updated, because marriage commonly invalidates a will made prior to the marriage," she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Leafs **Spreading holiday cheer**

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Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Francois Beauchemin, #22, right, autographs a picture for 9-year-old Ryan Nicholson of Mississauga. Beauchemin along with Toronto Maple Leafs defencemen Mike Komisarek #8, left, and Luke Schenn #2, centre, dropped in to Sick Kids on one of two Griffon helicopters from Canadian Forces Base Borden that landed on the roof to bring toys and good cheer to the kids.

# Inquiry fuels conspiracy theory: Expert

**It's been more than 10 years since allegations that a pedophile ring operated in eastern Ontario first made national headlines.**

And long after the dust has settled from the tome that is the Cornwall inquiry report some will continue to believe in a conspiracy to cover-up the truth, experts and observers say.

**"It's very difficult to disprove a conspiracy theory ... "**
Jordan B. Peterson, Professor, U of T

Commissioner G. Normand Glaude concluded Tuesday children were sexually abused by people in positions of authority and public institutions failed victims by mishandling complaints dating back to the 1960s.

But many were looking to him to lay to rest a more sinister explanation for those events.

An explanation that to some appears to debunk a conspiracy theory just further confirms others' suspicions, said University of Toronto psychology professor Jordan B. Peterson.

"It's very difficult to disprove a conspiracy theory, because every bit of disproving evidence can be just written off as additional evidence these conspirators are particularly intelligent and sneaky," he said.

Conspiracy theories are usually started by people who are very untrusting and it gathers steam among others who are somewhat untrusting, Peterson said.

They're psychologically compelling because they neatly tie together troubling facts or assertions, he said. When things go badly there are often many explanations, and an orchestrated conspiracy "should be pretty low on your list of plausible hypotheses," Peterson said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## **News** in brief

**WIRELESS** The company behind DAVE Wireless said Thursday it has raised $75 million from a group of Canadian institutional investors. The private placement was led by National Bank and GMP Securities. The deal follows a $125-million financing two months ago through ING Bank N.V. DAVE Wireless is one of several new players that are gearing up to compete against established wireless carriers Rogers, Telus and Bell. The company plans to sell wireless communications services in cities across Canada starting next year, including Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Ottawa. The Toronto-based company is owned by Obelysk, a diversified Canadian holding company, and Quadrangle Capital Partners, a global investor in the telecommunications and media sectors THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Bruce Power hits snag over Saskatchewan nuclear plant**

Saskatchewan has stopped short of giving a green light to a nuclear power plant, but it isn't putting up a permanent red light either. Energy Minister Bill Boyd says a proposal from Ontario-based Bruce Power for a large-scale plant in Saskatchewan will not move forward. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canada

## Dexter's a green giant

**Premier Darrell Dexter says Nova Scotia will press ahead with aggressively reducing greenhouse gas emissions regardless of what happens at the Copenhagen climate summit. The provinces, he said, will be responsible for implementing up to 80 per cent of any carbon reduction plans.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Enter Clinton the conciliator

## Hillary tries to break Copenhagen climate impasse with a $100-billion offer from the U.S.

**It's Hillary Clinton to the rescue in Copenhagen.**

The U.S. Secretary of State showed up Thursday with an offer she hoped would break an impasse threatening the outcome of United Nations climate talks.

Clinton said the U.S. is offering to help raise $100 billion a year for the next decade to help the most vulnerable nations cope with a warming planet.

There are two catches.

- Countries must agree to a climate deal at the Copenhagen talks.
- All must agree to "transparency" in reporting and verifying cuts to greenhouse gases.

The latter condition was clearly directed at China, which has balked at what it sees as an intrusion on its sovereignty.

Clinton said transparency is a "deal breaker."

"It would be hard to imagine, speaking for the United States, that there could be the level of financial commitment that I have just announced in the absence of transparency from the second-biggest emitter — and now I guess the first-biggest emitter — and now nearly, if not already, the second-biggest economy."

She was more blunt later: "There shall be a transparency requirement."

Leaders from more than 100 countries are arriving in Copenhagen for the summit's final hours.

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# Hated oilsands help keep us alive

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**CLIMATE** Alberta's polluting oilsands are a target in Copenhagen. But how would Canada fare if the cash flow pumped from them was turned off?

Angry defenders of Western oil argue the provinces doing most of the finger-pointing — Ontario and Quebec — can only afford their own social programs and tax rates thanks to the Alberta cash cow.

Alberta's premier says his province's oil-rich economy provides the rest of the country with about $21 billion.

It's also a key driving force behind the federal equalization program.

Many contend curbing Alberta's oil production would siphon cash from the bank accounts of the "have-not" provinces.

"The costs to these provinces might be a lot larger than they imagine," warned University of Calgary economist Robert Mansell. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# PM opts for a royal dinner

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**CLIMATE** Stephen Harper kept a low profile on his first day at the Copenhagen summit.

While the prime minister hobnobbed with other leaders at a royal dinner hosted by the queen of Denmark, it fell to Environment Minister Jim Prentice to deliver Canada's address late Thursday.

Prentice's three-and-a-half minute speech reiterated many of the Conservative government's stated positions on climate change.

"Our actions to address climate change take into account our large, diverse landmass, our growing population and the importance of our energy sector for meeting global demand," Prentice said.

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## The indignity **Jack shut out of Jim's little party**

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**Who's in and who's out in Copenhagen? NDP Leader Jack Layton was definitely out on Thursday. He was banished to a hallway as Environment Minister Jim Prentice spoke to the media. Layton was not allowed to attend the news briefing.**

# Sayonara Kyoto? Not just yet, says the UN's top climate czar

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**CLIMATE** Despite calls from Canada and others to mothball the Kyoto pact, the United Nations' top climate official says it's not going away just yet.

Yvo de Boer told officials from 193 countries that the UN climate talks will push ahead with two sets of negotiations: One for countries that signed Kyoto and another for those that didn't.

"We are now negotiating in two tracks," he said.

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**More help needed for seniors: Ombudsperson**

B.C. Ombudsperson Kim Carter says the government needs to do more when it comes to protecting seniors in residential care. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Many factors in play for Internet success

**When it comes to the Internet, popularity is something that can come naturally or can be achieved through strategic planning and hard work. It can and often does also happen by total fluke. A website or web video's presence can be strengthened through a variety of factors.**

The Canadian Press spoke to several young Canadians who have found success on the web and asked them for some insights.

Find a topic that has a balance of niche and broad appeal.

Jeff Hamada, 27, is a graphic designer and the founder of the artist blog booooooom.com, which gets about two million hits per month. Hamada's blog started as a documentation of his daily life. However, when he started posting work by other artists he enjoyed, things "exploded" and booooooom was born. The appeal of his website, it turned out, was Hamada's artistic taste.

Timing, luck and personality are key.

Halifax-based comedy troupe Picnicface can credit much of its success to an online video it made that happened to go viral. In 2007, the troupe decided to post its power drink spoof "Powerthirst" to as many video websites as possible. One of those included Funnyordie.com, which has just been launched by comedian Will Ferrell.

Create a community

Aligning yourself with other sites is an easy and effective way to gain attention.

Web developer Melanie Karlik, 30, started a website devoted to Vancouver bars a few months ago. She said being featured on other local websites has helped boost her daily visitor numbers, which are already in the hundreds.

"Find other websites similar to yours and reach out to them," she said.

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Web designer and developer Melanie Karlik holds a laptop displaying her website as she poses for a photograph in Vancouver.

## News in brief

**SENTENCE** Two teens who plotted to corral students in a Winnipeg school auditorium and randomly open fire "until they got tired" have each been sentenced to two years in jail. The 17-year-old male and his 18-year-old girlfriend, who cannot be identified under court order, had pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit murder.

**PONZI** Three people have been charged in connection with an alleged $3-million Ponzi scheme in southern Ontario. RCMP say clients invested anywhere from $10,000 to $750,000 in a foreign exchange trading company called ForexBaron.

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**Police-versus-prisoner brawl will end up in court**

A Lower Sackville, N.S., man faces several charges after a Halifax regional police officer ended up in a brawl with a prisoner he was transporting. James David Brown, 30, will appear in court once he is released from hospital. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Solvent spill sparks fear at a city hall

**A man ejected from Winnipeg city hall for causing a disturbance has sparked concerns over security.**

A man in the viewing gallery at a city council meeting Wednesday became unruly and a bottle of some form of solvent was spilled when security tried to remove him.

At least one city councillor had to leave because of the solvent smell.

The man continued yelling as security took him from the building and police were called.

Some city hall staff say the incident is not the first to raise security questions.

A couple of years ago someone got into the mayor's office and started throwing glasses at the staff.

A safety audit conducted more than a year ago recommended upgrades to security and $200,000 was budgeted for it. But the plan stalled. Mayor Sam Katz says a security plan will be fast-tracked.

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## Are they secure?

- Winnipeg city hall: Cameras and a commissionaire's desk but people can come and go as they please.
- Manitoba's legislature: There's only one main entrance and visitors must sign in.

# Father and son plead guilty

**CRIME** A Hamilton father and son have entered guilty pleas in the beating death of a 57-year-old man last March.

Tim Fowler pleaded guilty to manslaughter, and his 21-year-old son, Tyler, pleaded guilty to accessory after the fact to manslaughter.

Last March, father and son were at a bar in Stoney Creek when Tim got into a fight with some men, including Curtis Underdown.

Father and son got kicked out of the bar, according to an agreed statement of facts and the elder Fowler "threatened retribution."

On April 7, the Fowlers went to Underdown's home and he was punched and kicked by the pair when he opened the door.

Underdown received between 30 and 50 blows to his head, face and body and he died of massive internal bleeding in hospital.

The following day, the Fowlers turned themselves in and were charged with second-degree murder.

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## Police, soldiers to get stress help

**HEALTH** The federal government says a clinic will open in Edmonton dedicated to the treatment and support of soldiers and RCMP officers with mental-health issues.

The disorders, covered under operational stress injuries, include post-traumatic stress, anxiety, depression and addiction.

Veterans Affairs Minister Greg Thompson says Edmonton is the ninth such clinic to open.

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**Teen's sentence for shooting his girlfriend reduced two years**

Saskatchewan's highest court has reduced the sentence of a teen convicted of shooting his ex-girlfriend in the face by two years. Brett Flaten of Regina was 16 when he pleaded guilty to attempted murder and was sentenced as an adult to nine years in jail. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Ottawa **Haiti's PM meets Jean**

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Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean meets with Haiti Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive Thursday at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

# Pension costs more than reported: Study

## Feds not doing the math right, report says

**The federal government is not showing the true cost of the pensions it gives employees, and it should come clean before it starts reforming the country's retirement-income system, a new study says.**

The C.D. Howe Institute report comes as federal and provincial finance ministers gather in Whitehorse to discuss pension reform.

The report says the federal debt would have climbed an additional $58 billion over the past 10 years if Ottawa had valued the assets and liabilities of the pensions it offers public servants.

In the last year alone, if Ottawa had done its math right, pension obligations would have more than doubled the size of the $6-billion federal deficit, the study says.

"I wouldn't go as far as saying they're cooking the books," said Alexandre Laurin, senior policy analyst at the think-tank and the lead author of the report. "But the cost is greater than what the government is actually saying. We are not paying the full cost."

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Alexandre Laurin, C.D. Howe Institute

Governments, including Ottawa, tend to rely heavily on aggressive assumptions to place a value on their future returns, the paper explains.

While Ottawa follows all required accounting rules, many a company has found itself in deep financial trouble lately because it has used similar math. During the financial crisis, major companies in mature industries such as steel, cars, and telecommunications have suffered huge shortfalls.

So increasingly, companies are switching to fair-value principles — measuring assets and liabilities by their actual cost to buy or sell today, and not relying on some assumption about the future.

The new accounting shows that risks and costs of many pensions are higher than previously thought. Ottawa is no exception when its pension plans are subject to the same treatment, the paper finds.

"Federal pensions as currently configured are more costly than is commonly understood, and expose taxpayers, and potentially participants as well, to underappreciated risks," concludes the paper, co-authored by the institute's president, Bill Robson.

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## Domestic violence help called for

**INQUEST** A coroner's inquest jury hearing testimony about a man who killed his Victoria-area family is preparing to begin deliberations on its public recommendations.

The five-person jury has heard testimony from more than 30 witnesses since April 2008, when the inquest first started.

Jurors have heard police officers say the government needs to do more to fight domestic violence despite current tight budgets. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Retirement options debated

**SAVINGS** Finance ministers hope to come up with a short list of options to make Canadians save more for their retirements. Possibilities are many, but some key ideas have emerged:

The problem — comfortable retirements for many Canadians are at risk. While the Canada Pension Plan, the Guaranteed Income Supplement and Old Age Security provide retirees with about $11,000 a year, that's not enough to live on. Company pension plans are becoming less generous, and coverage less widespread. Personal savings for many people are minimal. The financial crisis and an aging society mean it's getting harder for seniors to scrape together a decent income.

The debate: Alberta and British Columbia want national reform, but say they'll go their own way if Ottawa doesn't get up to speed fast. Labour groups, seniors' advocates and opposition parties want quick action that would build on the Canada Pension Plan.

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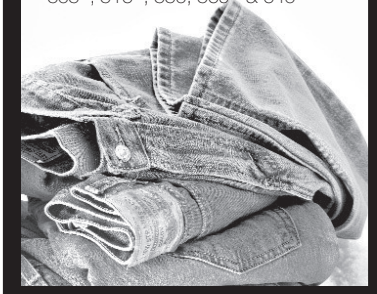

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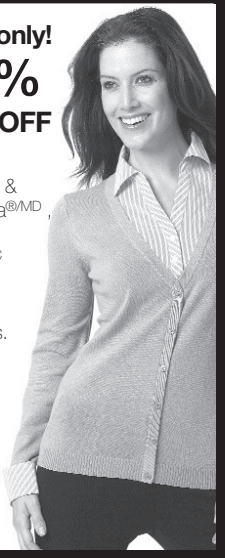

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# Lindhout offers thanks

## Freed hostage says she still believes in people

**Despite more than a year of abuse at the hands of Somali captors, a Canadian freelance journalist says she still believes people are fundamentally good.**

Amanda Lindhout released a statement Thursday thanking her family and others for securing her freedom after 15 months being held hostage in the lawless African nation. An accompanying photograph showed her smiling broadly next to a white Christmas tree.

"My faith in human decency was sorely tested at times during my captivity; however, after my release, I am humbly reminded that mankind is inherently good by the tremendous efforts and support of fellow Canadians," she wrote.

"I went through an extremely trying ordeal, but I never forgot the world outside was a beautiful place.

"I am excited as I begin to walk on a new path in life, one full of opportunities to help others."

Lindhout was kidnapped along with Australian photographer Nigel Brennan along a crumbling road in southern Somalia on Aug. 23, 2008. They were released Nov. 25, several months after both their families hired a private firm to secure their release. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Amanda Lindhout is shown in a handout photo released by her family. Lindhout, a freelance reporter, and Nigel Brennan, a freelance Australian photojournalist, were kidnapped in Somalia in August 2008 and freed after more than a year in captivity.**

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**Ottawa won't appeal ruling that freed terror suspect**

The federal government won't appeal a Federal Court ruling that freed former terror suspect Hassan Almrei. The government had been trying to deport the Syrian-born Almrei on a security certificate. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Appeal Court quashes convictions against pilot

**JUSTICE** The pilot of a small charter plane that ran out of fuel and crashed on a busy Winnipeg street, leading to the death of one passenger, was not criminally negligent, an Appeal Court ruled Thursday.

While Mark Tayfel made mistakes, they did not merit convictions on one count of criminal negligence causing death and four counts of criminal negligence causing bodily harm, a panel of three Manitoba Court of Appeal judges wrote.

"However flawed his conduct was in addressing the sufficiency of fuel for the flight, I am of the view that this conduct ... is not conduct that meets the very high threshold of wanton or reckless disregard for the lives or safety of other persons," Justice Barbara Hamilton wrote on behalf of the panel.

The appeal court upheld one count of dangerous operation of an aircraft.

Tayfel was a pilot with Keystone Air and had six U.S. sport fishermen on the twin-engine Piper Navajo Chieftain that crashed in June 2002. Everyone on board was hurt. Chester Jones, a 79-year-old Kansas man, died of his injuries three months later.

At his trial, Tayfel blamed the crash on faulty fuel gauges. He said they showed he had plenty of fuel before taking off from Gunisao Lake Lodge in northern Manitoba for the flight to Winnipeg.

But the trial judge ruled Tayfel made a hasty estimate, and handed him a two-year conditional sentence including more than 200 hours of community service.

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# Wild grains in ancient diet?

## Stone Age pantry was more varied than previously thought: Research

**Long thought to have been full of mainly roots, fruit and nuts, Stone Age man's pantry may also have included wild cereal grains, research suggests.**

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Calgary archeologist Julio Mercader holds two stone tools in his lab. He says Stone Age man may have been a bit more adventurous as to what he kept in his pantry than previously thought.

Previously, it was believed that prehistoric hunters and gatherers 100,000 years ago didn't make a point of foraging for wild cereals. But the findings of archeologist Julio Mercader of the University of Calgary are changing that view. His work is being published in the Dec. 18 issue of the prestigious research journal Science.

"We know in other parts of the world that about 20,000 years ago, hunters and gatherers were experimenting and expanding diets and using sophisticated techniques to intensify and eat things that they did not eat before," Mercader says.

"It goes back at least 80,000 years further than we have evidence for until now."

Mercader's research, which he began in 2005, took him deep into the heart of Mozambique. With the help of locals, he discovered a deep limestone cave near Ngalue in the Lake Niassa region that was used intermittently by ancient foragers over the course of more than 60,000 years. Inside, he unearthed stone tools that had microscopic plant grains embedded in them.

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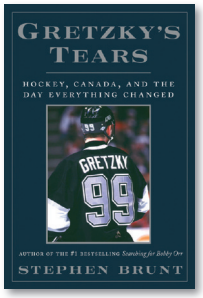


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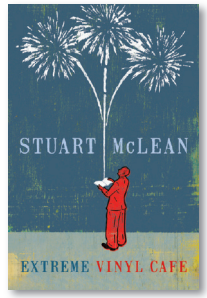


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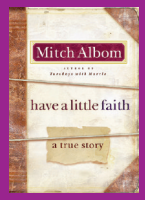


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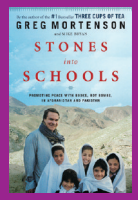


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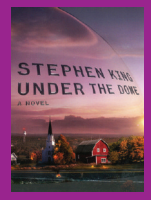


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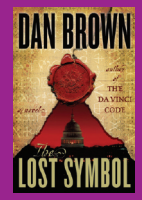


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**New Brunswick ramps up care for seniors**

The New Brunswick government is launching a pilot project aimed at increasing the amount of care in nursing homes in the province. The project at five nursing homes aims to increase care to 3.5 hours a day, up from 3.1 hours. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# EU, Canada sign aviation deal

**The European Union signed an aviation deal Thursday with Canada that will allow airlines to operate flights from any European city to Canada and will phase out restrictions on foreign ownership of carriers.**

The deal replaces a patchwork of agreements between Canada and most — but not all — of the EU's 27 countries that prevented one EU country's flagship airline from running flights from another part of Europe to Canada.

This meant, for example, that British Airlines could only run flights from Britain to Canada. Now airlines can operate direct flights to Canada from any part of Europe. The deal also removes all restrictions on routes, prices or the number of weekly flights between the two regions.

The EU's executive commission said the deal could generate economic benefits of more than $100 million. It said opening up the market could see an extra 3.5 million people fly between the two regions. More than nine million travelled between Canada and the EU last year.

The deal recognizes security checks in both regions, meaning passengers, luggage or cargo taking a connecting flight would be exempted from a second round of security screening.

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British Airlines and other airlines can now operate direct flights to Canada from any part of Europe.

# RCMP should review training, says report on fatal shooting

**TRAINING** A report into the police shooting death of a Cape Breton man on a Mi'kmaq First Nation reserve last year calls on the RCMP to examine its training for handling suicide calls.

The RCMP has not released the full report into John Simon's death, but Supt. Blair McKnight said yesterday that Halifax police investigators have made five recommendations aimed at better preparing officers to handle "critical incidents."

Police have said an officer entered Simon's home on Wagmatcook First Nation Dec. 4, 2008, and shot the intoxicated and distraught fisherman.

Halifax police Supt. Michael Burns oversaw the investigation with RCMP support and determined no charges should be laid because the officer who entered Simon's residence believed the man posed a threat to him.

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## News in brief

**MISSING MAN** Family and friends are scouring the Dominican Republic for a 46-year-old Hamilton man who has been missing for more than a week. D'Arcy Wright moved to a town near Puerto Plata in October to take over a property management company. One week ago, he left his office early, visited a friend, went to the beach and a bar, then vanished.

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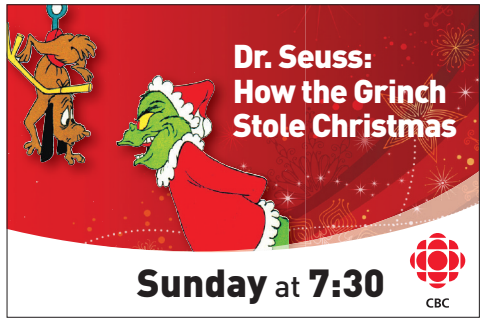

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**Woman charged with murder in which baby was cut from womb**

A woman who allegedly faked her own pregnancy has been charged with killing her pregnant friend, cutting her baby girl from her womb and kidnapping the infant. Julie Corey was initially charged with kidnapping after authorities found her and the baby in a homeless shelter in Plymouth, New Hampshire, in July. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# World

## Part of Cleopatra's palace lifted from sea

Egyptian archaeologists on Thursday lifted an ancient granite temple pylon, left, out of the waters of the Mediterranean, where it had lain for centuries as part of the palace complex of Cleopatra, submerged in Alexandria's harbour. The pylon, which once stood at the entrance to a temple of Isis, is to be the centerpiece of an ambitious underwater museum planned by Egypt to showcase the sunken city, which is believed to have been toppled into the sea by earthquakes in the 4th century. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# U.S., China edge closer in Copenhagen

## Clock still ticking for global climate deal as leaders arrive for conference finale Friday

**Large pieces of a climate deal fell into place Thursday with new offers from the U.S. and China, but other tough issues remained before American President Barack Obama and other leaders can sign off on a political accord to contain the threat of an overheated world.**

An announcement by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton that the United States would contribute to a climate change fund amounting to $100 billion US a year by 2020 was quickly followed by an offer from China to open its books on carbon emissions to international review.

The U.S. delegation did not immediately react to the offer by Vice Foreign Minister He Yafei.

But it went a long way toward the U.S. demand that China report on its actions to limit the growth of Beijing's carbon emissions and allow experts to go over its data.

The sudden concessions on the eve of Friday's final session lifted hopes that the 193-nation conference could reach a framework agreement that could be refined into a legal accord next year on limiting greenhouse gas emissions and fighting climate change.

Obama and Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao were to join more than 110 world leaders for the last scheduled day of the conference, which for most of its two weeks was embroiled in angry exchanges, a partial boycott by African countries and another entire day wasted in procedural wrangling. It's also possible that once the world leaders depart, the talks could continue at the ministerial level and stretch late into the night and early Saturday.

A pair of Greenpeace activists crashed a Thursday banquet hosted by Denmark's Queen Margrethe.

The couple, dressed in formal wear, unfurled two banners reading "Politicians Talk, Leaders Act" as they walked on the red carpet reception line, and were dragged from the hall by security guards.

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Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announced Thursday that the U.S. is prepared to join other rich countries in raising $100 billion US in yearly climate financing for poor countries by 2020.

### Not so fast: Republicans

- Republican lawmakers are telling U.S. President Barack Obama that he needs Congress to deliver on any commitments he might make to reduce global warming gases. The Republican lawmakers also said they would try to block the Environmental Protection Agency from regulating greenhouse gases.

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## Russia **All aboard**

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Women see off passengers on the maiden journey of the Sapsan high-speed train from Moscow to St. Petersburg, in Moscow, Thursday. The train has a top speed of 250 kilometres per hour.

## Global warming responsible for current drought: Delegates

**AFRICA** Millions of people in drought-stricken East Africa face hunger and poverty after seasonal rains failed again, withering crops, killing livestock and drying up ponds and streams, an aid group said Thursday,

Oxfam said some areas had received less than five per cent of normal rainfall for November.

In war-ravaged Somalia, it is the sixth failed rainy season and the worst drought for 20 years.

The failed state is already being torn apart by a brutal civil war that means nearly half its population relies on aid.

Diplomats said the suffering underscores the need for an agreement to combat climate change.

African delegates at the Copenhagen talks on climate change have repeatedly accused rich industrialized countries of polluting the atmosphere with greenhouse gases and then leaving underdeveloped countries to deal with the resulting drought and starvation on their own.

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## Insurgents hack into U.S. drones

**IRAQ** Insurgents in Iraq have hacked into live video feeds from U.S. Predator drones, a major weapon in a Pentagon spy system that serves as the military's eyes in the sky for surveillance.

Although militants could see the video, there is no evidence they were able to jam the signals from the unmanned aerial craft or take control of the vehicles, a senior American defence official said. Shiite fighters used off-the-shelf software programs, available for as little as $30, to capture drone video feeds regularly, the Wall Street Journal reported Thursday.

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**Fat defence fails, man sentenced for murder**

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# 'Froggy' saved Canadian, can Canada to save him?

**Froggy cannot forget the horrific blast.**

It was June 2008 as hundreds of Canadian and Afghan soldiers swept through villages in the dangerous Panjwaii district.

Froggy, as always, was sticking close to the man he calls "my major."

A six-year medic in the Afghan National Army, Mohammad Rahman, 42, picked up his nickname because of his raspy, throaty voice. Sitting in a medic hut in Kandahar city, he takes a deep breath as he reaches back to that fateful June day.

The married father of seven was lured from the Afghan army when a Canadian officer promised him more than the $300 US a month he was earning. He became an interpreter for the Canadian military.

That day, Edmonton-based Major Mark Campbell was part of the operational mentor and liaison team — Canadian soldiers who work closely with their Afghan counterparts. Froggy sat down to clean his socks and boots, but not before urging Campbell to watch his step.

"When he stand up, then explosion," Froggy said, his voice falling to a hoarse whisper. As a medic, Froggy was used to treating horrific wounds. Nothing prepared him for this.

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**Mohammad (Froggy) Rahman in Kandahar Thursday. The Taliban have threatened to kill him for working with the Canadian forces.**

"I see my major — he lost one leg above the knee-joint completely — no boots, no legs," he said, tears welling.

Froggy sprang into action. He applied what was likely life-saving tourniquets to the badly injured Campbell.

After some minutes, Campbell said: "Froggy, I'm sure I lost my legs," Froggy recalled.

"I said, 'No, Sir, you're OK.'"

"No, I'm OK but I lost both my legs."

"He knew."

Froggy never saw him again.

As he finishes his story, Froggy talks about the one thing that scares him: the prospect of the Canadian forces leaving him behind.

His father, who died last month, and other relatives have received a dreaded "night letter" from the Taliban, warning he should quit his interpreter work or face death at their hands.

Froggy is pleading with the Canadian government to grant him and his wife, four daughters and three sons entry to Canada.

"I request from the government of Canada ... to think of us, because we are working for Canadians very honestly."

Campbell has recovered from his wounds. He remains active as part of a military organization that helps injured soldiers adjust.

Froggy is now onto his sixth boss — but Campbell, who still writes to him every few months, holds a special place.

"We stay like brothers," Froggy said.

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## News in brief

**PHILIPPINES** Security forces will forcibly evacuate thousands of residents near a smouldering volcano. Authorities in Albay province declared a round-the-clock ban on anyone entering an eight-kilometre zone around the Mayon volcano. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


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**U.S. missiles kill 17 in al-Qaida stronghold**

Two U.S. missile strikes pummelled targets inside the main sanctuary used by al-Qaida and the Taliban along Pakistan's border with Afghanistan on Thursday, killing 17 people, local intelligence officials said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Mean munchies on menu

## Denver's Ganja Gourmet serves up medical marijuana dishes

**Any slacker living over his parents' garage can make pot brownies, but gourmet chefs are taking the art of cooking with marijuana to a higher level.**

In Denver, a new medical marijuana shop called Ganja Gourmet serves cannabis-infused specialties such as pizza, hummus and lasagna.

Across town in the Mile-High City, a Caribbean restaurant plans to offer classes on how to make multi-course meals with pot in every dish. And in Southern California, a low-budget TV show called Cannabis Planet has won fans with a cooking segment showing viewers how to use weed in teriyaki chicken, shrimp capellini, and steak sandwiches.

The evolution of pot cooking was perhaps inevitable given the explosion of medical marijuana in recent years. Many health-conscious patients would rather eat the drug than smoke it.

"When I started using marijuana, I was eating a brownie every day. I gained a ton of weight," said Michael DeLao, a former hotel chef who hosts "Cannabis Planet" cooking segments on Los Angeles's KJLA.

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Owner Steve Horowitz of Ganja Gourmet, where a whole pizza costs $89. Food is cooked with "cannabutter" containing THC.

"Then I learned how to really cook with marijuana, and once more people learn about all the possibilities, we're going to see a lot more people wanting this in their food."

Ganja Gourmet's menu includes lasagna ("LaGanja"), "Panama Red Pizza" and an olive tapenade called "ganjanade," along with sweets such as cheesecake, muffins and brownies. Employees wear tie-dyed T-shirts that proclaim, "Our food is so great, you need a license to eat it!!!"

All patrons must show a medical marijuana card. And the food isn't cheap. A whole pizza sells for $89; a dozen sweet treats called Almond Horns are $120.

"The food is really good," said Jamie Hillyer, a 41-year-old medical marijuana patient who paid $12 for a serving of vegetable LaGanja. Hillyer said that he can't taste the weed in the food and that it gives him a "more mellow" buzz than smoking pot.

Chefs are able to use marijuana in cooking because its key ingredient, the mind-altering drug THC, is fat-soluble, meaning it binds with oils or fats.

Chefs put leaves or buds in a food processor and grind the marijuana into green flour. Then they add the flour to oil or butter, cook it slowly for up to a couple of days while the THC binds to the fat, and strain out the green flakes.

The result is "cannabutter." Two teaspoons contain about the amount of THC in an ounce of weed.

Customers are allowed one menu item every 45 minutes.

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# Father admits he stuck 42 needles into toddler

**ANGRY MOB** The stepfather of a two-year-old found with 42 needles in his body confessed to jabbing them in the boy as part of a religious rite, Brazilian police said Thursday.

Roberto Carlos Magalhaes told detectives that a woman who went into a trance would "command him to stick the needles in the boy's body," police inspector Helder Fernandes Santana said.

"According to his confession, he acted under influence of the woman, but it was him who stuck the needles in the boy's body," the inspector said. He said three people, including the stepfather and the woman, have been arrested, though no charges have yet been filed.

An enraged crowd of more than 100 surrounded the police station where the suspects were held Wednesday night, hurling rocks at the building.

The child, meanwhile, was airlifted to the heart unit of a major hospital in northeastern Brazil Thursday because two of the needles are close to his heart, but it was not clear when doctors might remove them.

Surgeons had earlier decided not to try to remove any needles immediately for fear they could cause more damage. The boy is in stable condition.

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# Court stops British Airways strike

**REPRIEVE** Britain's High Court delivered a Christmas present to about a million travellers on Thursday, giving British Airways an emergency injunction to stop a 12-day strike by its cabin crews. The strike had been due to begin on Tuesday, grounding the majority of BA's planes throughout the holidays, when they normally carry 90,000 passengers a day.

The Unite labour union deemed the decision a "disgraceful day for democracy." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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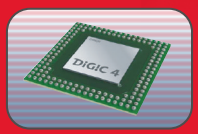


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**Street gangs more dangerous than terror suspects, says judge**
The American federal court's chief judge said domestic gangs are deadlier than some Guantanamo Bay detainees who could be tried in the U.S. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A grim-looking Silvio Berlusconi, 73, arrived home Thursday after being treated in hospital for a broken nose and two broken teeth caused by a disturbed man who threw a statue in his face.

# Italian PM returns home after attack

## Despite sympathy, public opinion still divided

**Four days after being attacked at a political rally, Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi was whisked away from a Milan hospital with his face covered in bandages, an unusual sight from a politician and media mogul long obsessed with controlling his image.**

The grim-looking Berlusconi waved weakly to photographers as he entered his car on Thursday, a stark contrast to the premier's usually ebullient appearances filled with broad smiles and autograph signings.

During one such appearance on Sunday, a man with a history of psychological problems hurled a souvenir statue of Milan's cathedral into the prime minister's face, breaking his nose and two teeth.

The 73-year-old leader, who has used plastic surgery and hair transplants to keep a fresh look on his perma-tanned visage, sported a large bandage that covered part of the left side of his face and his nose as he left the San Raffaele hospital.

His attacker, identified as 42-year-old Massimo Tartaglia, remains in a Milan prison.

Berlusconi, who is fending off a sex scandal and legal troubles, had previously lamented that he was the target of a "climate of hatred." His injuries stirred public sympathy, but groups praising Tartaglia mushroomed on Facebook after the attack.

Berlusconi said in a statement that he would go on "with more strength and determination than before."

Berlusconi's brief appearance outside the hospital still felt staged to project an image of dignity and martyrdom, said Maria Laura Rodota of the Corriere della Sera. "This Berlusconi who leaves the hospital looking like the Shroud of Turin is a well-calculated scene," said Rodota. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Guinean junta responsible for massacre, rights group finds

**COVER-UP** The killing of pro-democracy demonstrators by Guinean troops in September appears to have been premeditated, then covered up in an organized fashion, and it was not the work of rogue soldiers, Human Rights Watch said in a report released Thursday.

The killings and rapes likely amount to crimes against humanity, the watchdog group concluded after an on-the-ground investigation. A 108-page report on the Sept. 28 massacre in a sports stadium describes how it unfolded and details rape and other gruesome forms of abuse.

The report concludes that members of the elite Presidential Guard headed by Lt. Abubakar "Toumba" Diakite, top aide to the military junta's president, were responsible for the massacre, as well as elite gendarmes under the command of Capt. Moussa "Dadis" Camara.

The deaths were estimated at 150 to 200, compared with an official figure of 57, with 1,400 wounded. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Aftermath

- On Dec. 3, Guinean junta chief Moussa "Dadis" Camara was rushed to Morocco for medical treatment after being shot by Lt. Abubakar "Toumba" Diakite, a former presidential guard. Toumba said the president had tried to blame him for the Sept. 28 massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators.

## Ship carrying 83 people sinks off coast of Lebanon

**RESCUE** A cargo ship carrying 83 crew members and a load of cattle sank off the Lebanese coast Thursday in stormy weather. Hours later, rescuers had pulled 12 people from the water, officials said.

Vessels from the Lebanese navy and a UN peacekeeping force were trying to find and rescue others from the sunken ship, which was believed to have been sailing from Uruguay to Syria.

Andrea Tenenti, a spokesman for the UNIFIL peacekeeping force, identified the Panamanian-flagged ship as the Danny F II. It sank 17 kilometres from the city of Tripoli in a heavy rainstorm. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**Croatia to investigate killings**

Croatia said Thursday it is investigating the execution-style killing of five Serb civilians in their village in 1995 as Croat forces allegedly drove Serbs out of the country. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Irish Catholic bishop quits

**A Roman Catholic bishop in Ireland has resigned after an investigation into child sex abuse by clergymen accused him of ignoring reports of crimes by priests in his diocese, the Vatican said Thursday.**

The one-line announcement that Bishop Donal Murray had resigned did not mention the scandal.

But a statement that Murray read to colleagues and curates in the city of Limerick left no doubt he was going because of a government investigation's damning findings about his time as an auxiliary bishop in Dublin from 1982-96.

"I know full well that my resignation cannot undo the pain that survivors of abuse have suffered in the past and continue to suffer each day," the 69-year-old Murray said. "I humbly apologize once again to all who were abused as little children."

Murray had been widely expected to resign following last month's report from a commission. It ruled that Murray had handled reports of child-abusing priests "particularly badly" — and condemned his failure to crack down on one particular abuser, the Rev. Thomas Naughton, as "inexcusable." Murray transferred Naughton to new parishes despite receiving reports that he was molesting children. Naughton since has been convicted twice of raping altar boys.

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A child places a candle next to a grave Thursday in the Heroes Cemetery in Timisoara, Romania. Romanians paid homage to the fighters who took to the streets of this Transylvanian city 20 years ago, sparking the revolution that swept an Eastern European dictatorship from power.

# Father, son and grandson shot in NY

**MURDER** A man, his son and his grandson were found shot to death in an apartment in an upscale neighbourhood Thursday, with a female relative wounded and a fourth man — possibly the gunman — found dead in the backyard, police said.

The three dead family members were found in the third-floor apartment, police said. They were investigating whether the fourth victim, found dead from a fall off the fire escape, was the gunman trying to flee the scene.

Detectives suspect the shootings were drug-related,

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### Wounded

- A 49-year-old woman, who is related to the shooting victims, was hospitalized with a head wound, chief police spokesman Paul Browne said.

# Man sentenced in daughter's death

**COURT** A British court has convicted a father of murdering his teenage daughter for having a romance with a man from a different branch of Islam.

London's Central Criminal Court sentenced Mehmet Goren to life imprisonment for the so-called honour killing. Thursday's conviction came a decade after the man's daughter, 15-year-old Tulay Goren, disappeared.

Prosecutor Damaris Lakin said Mehmet Goren killed his daughter for nothing more than having a relationship he did not approve of.

Mehmet Goren and two of his brothers were arrested in 2008. All three were charged with murder, but the two brothers were acquitted Thursday.

Tulay Goren has not been seen alive since 1999. Police never found out how she was killed or where her body is.

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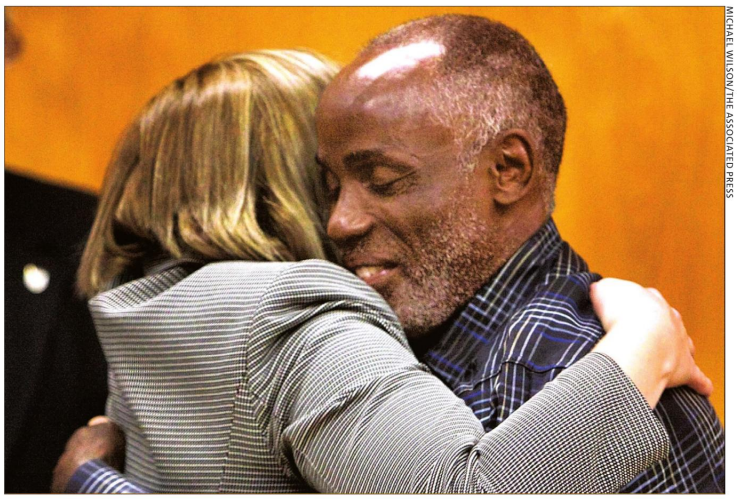
**Cuba short of construction goal**
Cuba built about 20,000 homes in 2009, meeting barely 60 per cent of its construction goal in a severe housing crunch. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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Innocence Project's Melissa Mantle hugs James Bain, right, during a hearing Thursday at the Polk County Courthouse in Bartow, Fla. Bain was released after spending 35 years in prison for a 1974 rape conviction when new DNA evidence exonerated him.

# Innocent man free after 35 years in jail

## DNA evidence clears inmate of rape charges

**James Bain made his first-ever cellphone call Thursday, dialling his elderly mother to tell her he had been freed after 35 years behind bars for a crime he did not commit.**

Mobile devices didn't exist in 1974, the year he was sentenced to life in prison for kidnapping a nine-year-old boy and raping him in a nearby field.

Neither did the sophisticated DNA testing that officials more recently used to determine he could not have been the rapist.

Bain has spent more time in prison than any of the 246 inmates previously exonerated by DNA evidence in the United States, according to the Innocence Project of Florida. The longest-serving before him was James Woodward of Dallas, who was released last year after spending more than 27 years in prison for a murder he did not commit.

**"No, I'm not angry. Because I've got God."** James Bain

"Nothing can replace the years Jamie has lost," said Seth Miller, a lawyer for the project, which helped Bain win freedom. "Today is a day of renewal."

As Bain walked out of the Polk County courthouse Thursday, wearing a black T-shirt that said "Not Guilty," he spoke of his deep faith and said he does not harbour any anger.

"No, I'm not angry," he said. "Because I've got God."

The 54-year-old said he looks forward to eating fried turkey and drinking Dr. Pepper. He said he also hopes to go back to school.

Friends and family surrounded him as he left the courthouse after Judge James Yancey ordered him freed. His 77-year-old mother, who is in poor health, preferred to wait for him at home. With a broad smile, he said he looks forward to spending time with her and the rest of his family.

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## Sarkozy denies kickback deals

**DEFENCE** French President Nicolas Sarkozy's office on Thursday denied claims that he was aware of an alleged system of kickbacks related to a defence deal between France and Pakistan in the 1990s.

Sarkozy's office called the allegation "defamation" and pointed out that he had the right to file a legal complaint against the lawyer who made it.

The charges have their roots in a 2002 car bombing in Karachi, Pakistan, that killed 14 people.

Eleven of those people were French employees of a naval construction firm who were helping build a submarine for the Pakistani navy.

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## New airline standards needed, officials say

**AIR FRANCE** New airline safety standards may be required after the crash of Air France Flight 447 in June over the Atlantic Ocean cast doubt on the reliability of speed-measuring equipment in difficult, stormy conditions, French aviation investigators said Thursday.

Many families of victims have expressed frustration with the lack of information over the past six months.

In its second report on the crash, French accident investigation agency BEA said experts still have little idea about why the plane went down.

John Clemes, whose brother was on the flight, said investigators told the victims' families on Thursday that the plane fell in less than five minutes.

BEA spokeswoman Martine del Bono did not return messages seeking confirmation, but the agency's study of automatic messages emitted by the plane seemed to confirm that.

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**Airbus**

- The Airbus A330 plunged into the Atlantic Ocean off Brazil's coast en route from Rio de Janeiro to Paris on June 1. All 228 people aboard were killed.

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# 2009's winners, losers

UrbanCompass

April Lindgren

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Assessing a year in the life of a city is a challenge because it's often not clear how events will unfold over time.

Will Mayor David Miller's decision not to run again lead to the election of the best — or worst — city leader in a generation? Will the economy roar back? Will the new Regent Park be a better place for low-income residents than the old Regent Park?

We will have to wait until 2010 to find out. In the meantime, if you draw up lists of winners and losers for 2009, it's immediately apparent the list of losers is the longer of the two.

It includes laid-off workers who are running out of unemployment insurance and turning to welfare — bad news for them and for the city's wilting finances. The list also includes the many people who are now priced out of the Toronto housing market; the mayor, whose handling of the municipal workers' strike cost him his political career; TTC riders, whose loyalty is being punished by a fare hike; and cyclists, who are still waiting for long-promised bike lanes. Wasps invaded our backyards and fruit flies took over our kitchens during the 2009 summer that wasn't.

**"The winners' list includes people who sold their Toronto homes; current city workers who will be paid upon retirement for unused sick days; and Toronto voters."**

The winners' list includes people who sold their Toronto homes; current city workers who will be paid upon retirement for unused sick days; and Toronto voters. In recent months they have been treated to a growing roster of quality candidates for Miller's job and election reforms that ban corporate and union contributions to municipal election campaigns. The failure of other GTA councils to introduce a similar ban means developers' interests will continue to dominate their local election financing and that's bad news for voters in those communities.

But enough of bad news. This year-end review ends on a happy note. Remember how I fretted in my last column about the fate of a starving young cat I rescued earlier this year and then left at the Toronto Humane Society? A reader named Lizzie read the column and sent me a photo of the cat she adopted from the society in May. It was HIM. His new name is Arvo, and Lizzie says he's still friendly and affectionate. "I just wanted to let you know how happy I am with Arvo and that he's in a loving home."

Arvo — add him to the winner's list. Put Lizzie's name on there, too.

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## Views

# Girls and women: No limits on dreams

Belinda Stronach

Over the past generation our society has made considerable progress in reducing barriers to women's success. Yet, despite our progress, troubling inequalities persist and affect the lives of millions of girls and young women around the world.

In developing countries, one person in eight is a girl or a young woman age 10 to 24. As the fastest growing segment of the population, their welfare is a fundamental input for key economic and social outcomes. Giving these girls an education, legal protection, health care, and access to training and job skills will significantly contribute to what is known as the girl effect on development. A girl who finishes high school has access to a job that pays more than subsistence wages and the chance to start a small business. Educated women invest 90 per cent of their incomes into their families, compared to roughly 30 per cent by their male counterparts.

**"Canada must take the lead and call to put girls and women at the centre of the development narrative."**

The gap between what we know and what we do, between our ability to end poverty and our efforts to do so lie at the heart of the problem. The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) challenge the world's leading economies to meet targets framed in results-oriented terms. MDG 3, for example, calls to promote gender equality and empower women. The target was to eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education by 2005, and in all levels of education no later than 2015. Four years after the 2005 target date, gender parity in education has yet to be achieved.

As Canada prepares to host the G8 and G20 summits in June 2010, we must use this historic opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the advancement of girls and women worldwide. Canada must take the lead and call to put girls and women at the centre of the development narrative. Doing so will yield huge returns in the health of families, peace building, and global economic development.

On this critical issue Canada will be standing together with governments such as Spain and the Netherlands, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society organizations, global foundations and the private sector in responding to the mounting evidence that investing in girls will break the cycle of intergenerational poverty and, conversely, failure to do so could cost the world's poorest countries billions in economic growth.

For more information on how the NGO community is coming together on this issue, please visit www.girlsandwomen.com.

Belinda Stronach is chair of the Belinda Stronach Foundation.

## Worth mentioning

# NASA, Google offer ways to track greenhouse gases

The question is a potential deal-killer: If nations ever agree to slash greenhouse gas emissions, how will the world know if they live up to their pledges?

The answer is in space, experts say — both outer space and cyberspace.

NASA, the wonder agency of the 1960s, and Google, the go-to company of the early 21st century, are trying to give the world the ability to monitor both the carbon dioxide pollution and the levels of forest destruction that contribute to global warming.

"Just having the thing flying around there imaging would just about make everybody act differently," said Prof. Steve Pacala, director of the Princeton Environmental Institute. "The idea that you could pull a fast one would be different."

The monitoring problem "is a big one because we don't know what we're counting," said Melinda Kimball, senior vice-president of the UN Foundation.

Google, meanwhile, has rolled out a new program call Earth Engine, which essentially is a massive storehouse for satellite and other data that forest countries will be able to access for free by the time of the next UN climate conference in Mexico next year.

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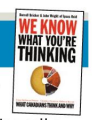


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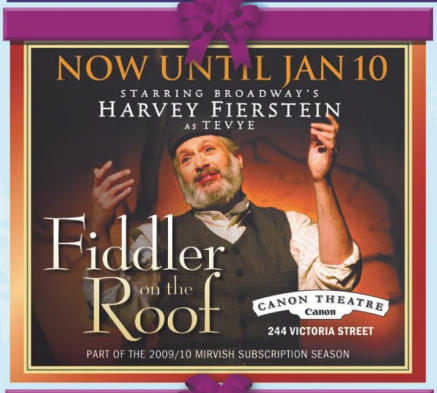


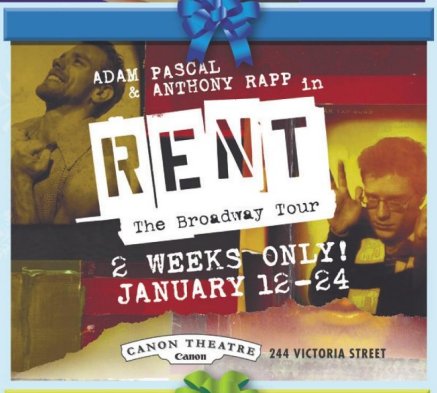


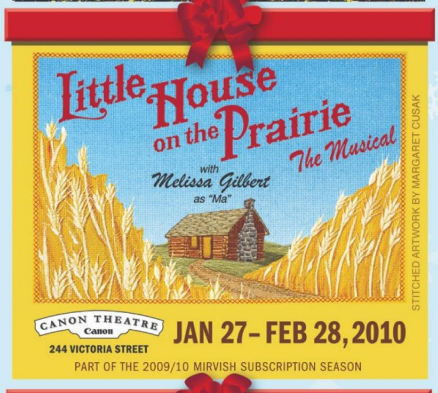

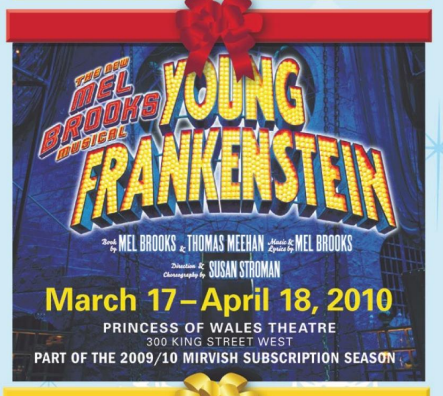

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**U.S. Senate panel clears Bernanke for second term**

A U.S. Senate panel approved 16-7 the nomination of Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke to run the central bank for another four years. Bernanke's term ends Jan. 31. A full Senate vote on his nomination is not expected until January. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Canada to lead G7 economies, experts predict

**Economists at some of Canada's largest banks say the Canadian and world economies will continue to rebound in 2010, and Canada will lead the way among industrialized countries, creating jobs along the way.**

The economists predict global growth will rise by as much as four per cent in 2010 and the Canadian economy's growth of up to three per cent will lead the G7 countries in returning to pre-recession levels of gross domestic product.

National Bank noted that unlike previous upswings, the global recovery will be spearheaded by emerging economies.

Economists at Desjardins Group said although developing nations will continue to act as drivers, Canada and the U.S. will lead the industrialized countries, with growth of more than two per cent each over the next two years. They are expected to return to pre-recession levels of real GDP by the end of 2010.

TD Bank economists believe the upturn will create jobs in Canada — about 280,000 next year.

The bank has employment rising in each quarter next year and into 2011, with the jobless rate returning to 7.3 per cent in the fourth quarter.

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## Shaolin monks Foray into market

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**The famed fighting monks of Shaolin temple in Dengfeng, China, plan a foray into modern finance. The local government entity in charge of managing the 1,500-year-old Buddhist temple's tourism-related assets plan to join China Travel Service to raise up to 1 billion yuan ($146.4 million) in a share listing on either a mainland market or in Hong Kong, reports said Thursday.**

## Bell parent moves to head off rival?

**WIRELESS** Telecom giant BCE Inc. is raising its dividend, buying back up to $500 million worth of shares and making a big pension plan contribution, just a day after a new wireless competitor launched its cellphone services.

Canada's largest telecom company said Thursday it was raising its annual common share dividend by seven per cent as the Montreal company continues to churn out cash amid strong profits, rising revenues and strong wireless growth.

### Wind Mobile

- Canada's newest wireless provider, Wind Mobile, has announced competitive cellphone service, which has put pressure on established players Telus, Bell and Rogers.

BCE, which operates under the Bell and Bell Aliant brands, said it was increasing its dividend to shareholders to $1.74 a share for 2010.

BCE said it was also planning a share buyback of up to $500 million as well as a $500-million special voluntary pension contribution from its year-end 2009 surplus cash balance.

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## Business in brief

**U.S. ECONOMY** A report on unemployment claims and a forecast of U.S. economic activity pointed Thursday to an American economy mending slowly, without the job growth needed to fuel a vigorous recovery. The number of newly laid-off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits unexpectedly rose last week. But the four-week average for jobless claims fell to its lowest point since September 2008 when the financial crisis hit — an encouraging sign the labour market is gradually improving.

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## Apollo buys Wonderland operator

**TAKEOVER** Cedar Fair LP has agreed to be acquired by asset manager Apollo Global Management for about $635 million US in cash. The acquisition capped a year in which the struggling economy led to the drop-off of more than a million visitors to the company's amusement and water parks.

### Six Flags

- Rival theme park operator Six Flags, which owns 20 amusement parks in the U.S. and other countries, sought bankruptcy protection in June, burdened by high debt and declining park attendance.

The $11.50-per-share offer marks a 27 per cent premium to Cedar Fair's $9.08 closing stock price Wednesday.

Ohio-based Cedar Fair owns and operates 11 amusement parks, seven water parks and five hotels. Its properties include Canada's Wonderland.

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## Arbor sales up, but profit down

**REVENUE** Arbor Memorial Services, which owns 41 cemeteries, 26 crematoria, five reception centres and 82 funeral homes in eight provinces, reported an increase in revenue as sales improved in its cemetery and funeral homes divisions. However, the Toronto-based company saw profits in the fourth quarter decline to $4.5 million.

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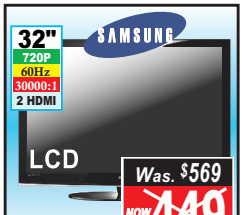
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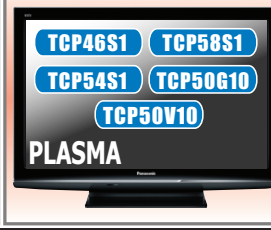
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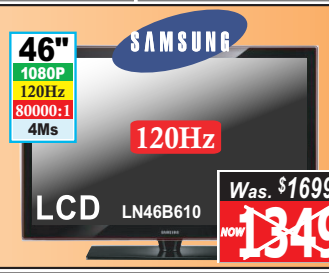
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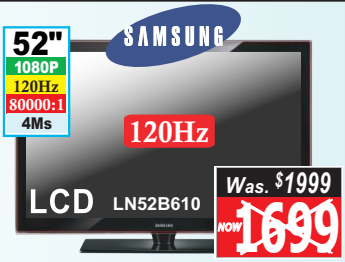
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# RIM taps into global rush for smartphones

**Research in Motion Ltd. reported a sharp increase in quarterly profits Thursday, saying its efforts to get global consumers to buy its BlackBerry smartphones are paying off.**

The results show the "success of our efforts to expand into broader customer segments," co-CEO Jim Balsillie said in a statement.

The BlackBerry maker, which keeps its books in U.S. dollars, said it earned $628.4 million US or $1.10 US per share for the quarter ended Nov. 30.

That compared with a profit of $396.3 million US or 69 cents US per share a year ago.

Revenue in what was the company's third quarter totalled $392 billion US, up from $2.78 billion US in the same quarter last year.

The Waterloo company handily beat analyst estimates for the third quarter, ended Nov. 28. According to Thomson Reuters, the average analyst estimate had been for earnings of $1.04 US per share and $3.78 billion US in revenue.

Analyst Nick Agostino called the results "awesome," noting the market was concerned about earnings per share growth and share losses.

"We believe the company just dispelled those views," said Agostino of Toronto-based Research Capital.

Agostino also said holiday promotions in North America likely helped in the quarter and international sales likely continue to be strong.

"RIM is experiencing a great start to the holiday buying season and the strong Q3 results and Q4 outlook clearly reflect the strength of our diversified product portfolio as well as the success of our efforts to expand into broader customer segments and new geographies while maintaining our strong position in North America," Balsillie said.

In its guidance for the fourth quarter, the company said it expected revenue between $4.2 billion and $4.4 billion and earnings between $1.23 and $1.31 per diluted share.

Net subscriber account additions in the fourth quarter ended Feb. 27 are expected to be in the range of 4.4 million to 4.7 million.

The average analyst estimate for the fourth quarter had been for earnings of $1.12 per share on $4.1 billion in revenue, according to Thomson Reuters.

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Research In Motion said it added about 4.4 million net new BlackBerry subscribers in the last quarter to bring its total user base to approximately 36 million.

- RIM co-CEO Jim Balsillie said the company shipped more than 10 million BlackBerry smartphones during the third quarter.
- Shares in RIM, which closed down 59 cents at $67.80 on the Toronto Stock Exchange before the results were released, were up more than 10 per cent in after-hours trading.

# Tightwad buyers hit Nike's profit

**EARNINGS** Nike Inc. may have its mind on Tiger Woods, but the economy is what's making its earnings and sales fall.

The world's largest athletic and apparel reported Thursday that its second-quarter profit fell one per cent to $375.4 million US, or 76 cents per share, as sales for its products remained sluggish around the globe. That's down from $391 million, or 80 cents per share, earned in the same quarter last year.

Revenue fell eight per cent to $4.4 billion. Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters expected the company to earn 71 cents per share for the quarter on revenue of $4.4 billion.

Nike's sales have sagged as consumers around the globe cut their spending. But a lower tax rate, tight inventories and other cost reductions helped Nike deliver a solid profit for the quarter that ended Nov. 30. And orders for goods to be delivered in the coming season grew four per cent — benefiting from the weaker dollar and with its largest growth in Western Europe, China and emerging markets — a good sign company as it moves forward in a tough economy.

Shares of Nike fell 78 cents to $63.27 in after-hours trading Thursday after closing at $63.25.

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**Glimmer of hope for wood industry**
Canada's wood products industry grew in the third quarter after 13 quarters of declining production, a Conference Board report said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Oracle expects EU to approve Sun deal

**SOFTWARE** Oracle Corp. said Thursday that its profit jumped 13 per cent in the latest quarter and it expects the European Union will finally approve its $7.4-billion US purchase of Sun Microsystems Inc. next month.

Oracle's results for its second quarter show corporations are becoming less reluctant to spend on technology projects. Oracle is the world's No. 1 maker of database software, which helps companies manage information about everything from payroll to sales figures.

Oracle reported after the market closed that its revenue from new software licences rose two per cent in the three months ended Nov. 30. That was better than the company's earlier prediction and comes after four straight quarters of declines.

Oracle has spent $35 billion over the past five years acquiring 60 companies, mainly in an effort to expand the kinds of software it offers and better compete with the German company SAP AG. But Oracle is taking a different approach with Sun Microsystems, the world's No. 4 maker of computer servers. If the deal is allowed, Oracle would become a hardware company for the first time, which will pressure its profit margins and ratchet up the tension with IBM Corp., an Oracle partner that also sells servers and database software.

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# Ottawa puts AECL nuclear reactor division for sale

## Chalk River lab not part of deal

**The federal government is formally inviting offers as it seeks to privatize the nuclear reactor division of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd.**

In announcing the request for "investor proposals" Thursday, Natural Resources Minister Lisa Raitt pitched the sale of the heavily subsidized Crown corporation as an environmentally friendly, emissions-free buy in a global market experiencing a nuclear renaissance.

**The reactor division "needs strategic investors to take full advantage of this opportunity, strengthen its global presence and reduce the financial risks carried by taxpayers."**
Lisa Raitt, natural resources minister

The reactor division, said Raitt, "needs strategic investors to take full advantage of this opportunity, strengthen its global presence and reduce the financial risks carried by taxpayers."

She touted Canada's nuclear industry as employing 30,000 people and said the government is "committed to making sure these jobs are retained and more are created."

The research-and-technology division of the Crown corporation, including the Chalk River laboratories and its medical isotope production, are not part of the government sale.

The Conservative government announced last May it would put parts of AECL on the block, after a National Bank study it commissioned found there was "significant private sector interest" in a stand-alone CANDU reactor business.

AECL has a profitable international service operation, with 18 CANDUs currently working or being refurbished around the world.

Several companies have expressed tentative interest in buying a piece of AECL, including Montreal's SNC-Lavalin and Areva Group of France.

However the government may have undercut its own bargaining position when Prime Minister Stephen Harper's chief spokesman described the Crown corporation as a "dysfunctional" $30-billion "sink-hole" last June.

That same month, the Ontario government put off a decision on new reactor construction after deciding all the bids — including one for an untried, next-generation AECL reactor — were too costly. Ontario is the biggest customer of CANDU technology and the province is also home to the bulk of the AECL supply chain. As such, an Ontario purchase of the ACR 1000 is deemed critical to the launch of AECL's next-generation reactor fleet.

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**Bookmaker takings bets on Woods' divorce settlement**

If Tiger Woods and his Swedish wife get divorced, Elin Nordegren won't be the only one collecting on the settlement. British bookmaker William Hill is taking bets on just how much Nordegren will get if she decides to divorce Woods. Bettors can get 25-1 odds that Nordegren will receive more than half a billion dollars. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sports

## Bombers coach arrested, fired

**The Winnipeg Blue Bombers have fired head coach Mike Kelly after one turbulent season. Bombers board chairman Ken Hildahl made the announcement Thursday night, the same day Kelly was arrested in Pennsylvania in an alleged domestic dispute. Police in Bridgeport, Pa., said they arrested Kelly after responding to a domestic disturbance at his home Thursday morning.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Bengals' Henry dies from injuries

**NFL** Cincinnati Bengals receiver Chris Henry died Thursday, a day after falling out of the back of a pickup truck during what police said was a domestic dispute with his fiancee.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg police said Henry died at 6:36 a.m. Henry was 26.

"We knew him in a different way than his public persona," Bengals owner Mike Brown said of the player who was suspended five times during his career. "He had worked through the troubles in his life and had finally seemingly reached the point where everything was going to blossom. And he was going to have the future we all wanted for him. It's painful to us. We feel it in our hearts, and we will miss him."

Chris Henry

Police spokeswoman Rosalyn Harrington said homicide detectives have been assigned to the case but had no further information.

Later Thursday, police released two 911 tapes. The first was from an unidentified woman who said she was following a yellow pickup truck.

"It's got a black man on it with no shirt on, and he's got his arm in a cast and black pants on," she told a dispatcher. "He's beating on the back of this truck window. ... I don't know if he's trying to break in or something. It just looks crazy. It's a girl driving it."

Just more than a minute later, an unidentified man called 911 and said he saw a man "laying in the road" and "definitely unconscious." Henry was rushed to the hospital early Wednesday afternoon after being found on a curvy section of a residential road.

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# Young Leafs get a shot

## Schenn, Stalberg expected to be in lineup against Sabres

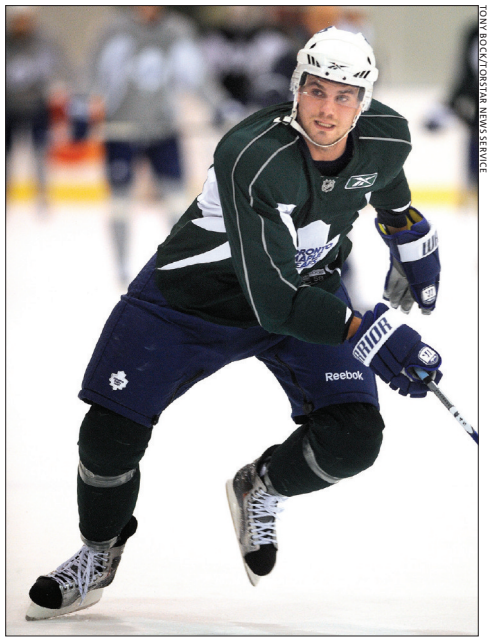
**Coach Ron Wilson still needs some serious convincing. But young Maple Leafs Luke Schenn and Viktor Stalberg, each viewed as a key piece of the team's future, have the chance to reclaim a spot in the lineup Friday night.**

Both will dress in an important divisional matchup at Buffalo. Schenn will be back in uniform after three games as a healthy scratch; Stalberg arrives as a surprise call-up from the Marlies and will also suit up.

Wilson would not say who will sit to make room. Jeff Finger, who finished Wednesday's 6-3 loss to Phoenix as a –3, is a good candidate to be removed from the blue-line. Stalberg subbed in on the fourth line at Thursday's practice but it seems unlikely that he will start there.

Another change will see rookie goaltender Jonas Gustavsson, declared healthy again, dress as Vesa Toskala's backup. He missed the last eight games after undergoing a second procedure to correct an irregular heartbeat.

Gustavsson may then start Saturday night at home against the Bruins. Joey MacDonald, who had been serving as the No. 2 goalie in the Swede's absence, was returned to the Marlies Thursday.



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Viktor Stalberg takes part in the Maple Leafs practice Thursday morning. The team has called him up from the AHL.

Wilson pulled Schenn out of the lineup after he had a particularly bad game at Boston a week ago. The 20-year-old blueliner had been showing some improvement after a rough start to the season but a couple glaring mistakes against the Bruins convinced the coach it was time to "reset" the youngster's attitude.

"I would hope he's got a fire lit under his rear end," said Wilson, when asked what he anticipated in Schenn's return. "We'll spot him until we feel comfortable that he's ready to play. I expect him to have a good game tomorrow night and be more aggressive than he has been and get his feet moving right off the bat."

Wilson sounded a little skeptical about Stalberg, though he conceded his weary lineup needed some fresh legs.

Stalberg had a great training camp for the Leafs, scoring six goals and adding three assists in eight games. But that success in exhibition games didn't continue in the regular season. Stalberg played eight games but had just one assist and was assigned to the Marlies.

"His play has improved but there's still a lot of room for improvement," Wilson said of Stalberg's stint in the minors. "But of all the people down there, he has by far the most NHL skill in terms of his speed, his shot and his size. He just has to put it all together up here like he did in training camp."

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### Gustavsson

- Jonas Gustavsson said he is "ready to play." The final hurdle, he said, had nothing to do with his heart but was instead getting his stamina back after sitting out so many games and practices. He said he no concerns about his heart.

## Drabek excited for chance to show his stuff

**"He's the best pitcher in the major leagues. To be traded for him ... I feel a little bit more pressure."**
Kyle Drabek on Roy Halladay

Growing up the son of a Cy Young Award winner, Kyle Drabek learned long ago to shut off the noise from other people's expectations and to simply be himself on the pitcher's mound.

That mindset should serve the 21-year-old right-hander very well as he begins his career in the Toronto Blue Jays organization as one of they key returning components in the Roy Halladay trade.

Drabek understands some people will expect him to step right in to fill the ace right-hander's shoes and while he knows better than to get caught up in that, he can still feel that weight. He just knows better than to let himself be burdened by it.

"He's the best pitcher in the major leagues," Drabek said Thursday in an interview from his home in The Woodlands, Texas. "To be traded for him with other guys but being the only pitcher, I feel a little bit more pressure.

"My dad (former all-star Doug Drabek) told me not to think about it. It's the same thing. Just go out there and pitch, pitch like you know how to and you should be fine."

Drabek was acquired along with infielder Brett Wallace and catcher Travis d'Arnaud Wednesday in the four-team, nine-player blockbuster that sent Halladay to the Philadelphia Phillies. He's widely regarded as a future front-of-the-rotation starter but has just 14 starts at double-A under his belt, so it's unfair to expect too much from him too soon.

Still, with youngsters like Rick Porcello, David Price, Tommy Hanson, and Derek Holland all impressing in the majors last season, it's not unreasonable to think Drabek could debut at some point next year if his career trajectory continues along its current path.

Blue Jays GM Alex Anthopoulos envisions Drabek starting the year at double-A New Hampshire but left the door open for bigger things if his new prospect earns it during spring training. And that's precisely what Drabek plans to do.

"I just want to go in there and prove myself, hopefully surprise them, let them know that I'm ready," he said.

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## Sports in brief

**ARGOS** A breakout season has earned Andre Durie some job security with the Toronto Argonauts. The 28-year-old Mississauga native, who compiled more than 1,000 all-purpose yards for the first time in his three-year career, was rewarded with a three-year contract and a pay increase.

**WOODS** Michael Phelps expressed sympathy for Tiger Woods and his family Thursday because of the scrutiny resulting from the golfer's admitted infidelity. "He's going through a hard time right now I assume — I've no idea what he is going through — but it can't be easy, I just wish him the best for himself and his family," said Phelps, who is in Manchester, England, for the "Duel in the Pool" swim meet. "I'd be the first to admit I've made a lot of mistakes both in and out of the pool."

**WORLD CUP** Brazil will spend $280 million US to renovate Maracana Stadium, closing the historic venue next year to spruce up the centrepiece of the 2014 World Cup. Opened for the 1950 World Cup, Maracana is expected to be reopened in December 2012, government officials said Thursday.

**ALOUETTES** The Montreal Alouettes have rewarded head coach Marc Trestman for leading the team to the Grey Cup championship. The Alouettes have reached an agreement with Trestman that will keep him with Montreal through the 2012 season.

**SKI TEAM** The Canadian ski team took another blow Thursday when veteran Kelly VanderBeek suffered a suspected torn ACL in her left knee during World Cup downhill training. VanderBeek, 26, is the third Canadian skier this week and the fourth in less than a month to be injured. She finished fourth in the super-giant slalom at the 2006 Turin Olympics and was considered a medal threat at the 2010 Games.

**SNOWBOARDING** Jasey-Jay Anderson and Michael Lambert swept the top two spots at a World Cup men's parallel giant slalom snowboarding competition Thursday. Anderson, of Mont-Tremblant, Que., edged out Lambert in the final for his 25th career World Cup victory across all disciplines.

The result was a positive one for Lambert, as well: The Toronto native picked up the first of three top-5 results needed to automatically qualify for the Olympics.

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**Dunn buying piece of Falcons**

Former Atlanta Falcons running back Warrick Dunn is buying a piece of the team. The Falcons announced Thursday that Dunn, who retired after the 2008 season, has an agreement to become the team's seventh limited partner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Newest Bill shrugs off criticism

**NFL** Even after he was criticized by a teammate on his new team, Bills offensive lineman Richie Incognito isn't going to shy away from his aggressive style of play.

Not long after Buffalo claimed Incognito off waivers from St. Louis Wednesday, injured Bills linebacker Kawika Mitchell ripped Incognito in an unflattering message on his Twitter account, calling him a "bum."

Richie Incognito

Incognito shrugged off the comments Thursday after his first day of practice in Buffalo.

"I have a reputation around the league for being a less than model citizen," he said. "Some guys on teams really dislike playing against me."

Mitchell later wrote an apology. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# TFC parts ways with Guevara

## Former MLS scoring leader has history with new Toronto coach

**Amado Guevara's tenure with Toronto FC has ended.**

The Major League Soccer club announced Thursday that it's not picking up the option year of the contract on the Honduran international midfielder. Same goes for Argentine forward Pablo Vitti and Haitian defender Lesly Fellinga.

Their contracts expire Dec. 31.

Guevara, who won the 2004 MLS scoring title and MVP with the MetroStars of New York/New Jersey, had a flair that made him popular with fans in two seasons with TFC.

The 33-year-old scored nine goals and added 10 assists in 46 games in a Reds uniform.

The move comes less than a month after the hiring of Preki Radosavljevic as TFC's new head coach. In 2007, when Preki was with Chivas USA, he had a falling out with Guevara, which led to the player's departure to Toronto for future considerations just four games into the season.

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Toronto FC's Amado Guevara battles for the ball with Kyle Beckerman of Real Salt Lake earlier this year. TFC announced Thursday it will not be picking up the option year of Guevara's contract.

At his first news conference, Preki said while Guevara "had a decent year for Toronto" the decision on his future with TFC would be made based on "what's best for the team."

Guevara, who will captain Honduras at next summer's World Cup in South Africa, was then left unprotected by TFC in the Nov. 25 expansion draft for the new Philadelphia Union but was not selected. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Vancouver OKs mixed martial arts

**FIGHTING** City council has opened the door for a UFC show in Vancouver, approving a two-year trial period for mixed martial arts.

Councillors voted 6-3 to allow Vancouver to regulate and sanction the combat sport.

UFC president Dana White, who has Vancouver pencilled in for a show next year, was quick to celebrate the news.

"Vancouver is sanctioned!!!," he said via Twitter. "Another one down! Thanks to everyone in Vancouver who helped. See you in 2010."

Under the two-year Vancouver pilot program, promoters such as the UFC must ensure the city can't be held liable for damages.

Coun. Andrea Reimer, who voted against the motion, says she struggled with the idea of regulating a sport that promotes violence in its marketing.

The UFC had said earlier it planned a show for June in Vancouver. White said recently Vancouver was still in the cards, but perhaps a little later than the original date.

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**Men's tennis tournament returns to Atlanta**

The men's tennis tour is returning to Atlanta, putting a hard-court tournament in the city that will be played July 17-25, 2010, and start off the U.S. Open Series. The ATP tour bought the sanctioning rights to the Indianapolis tournament that has been held in July but recently had attendance and sponsorship issues. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Canada's hidden treasures of sport

Every time the Lou Marsh Award pops up all Canadian sports fans get an eye opener. There's a ton of talent out there.

The mystery is why most of the candidates that make it to the final ballot for consideration as Canada's athlete of the year are anonymous to most people in this country.

This year, Sidney Crosby, the brilliant captain of the Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins, captured the prize named after the late Toronto Star sports editor — an award that dates back to 1936 and whose recipients have included Wayne Gretzky, Barabara Ann Scott, Catriona Le May Doan and Mike Weir.

For Crosby it's a second victory and well-deserved considering he's the best Canadian hockey player alive and led his team to arguably the most difficult championship to capture in North American professional sport.

Just about everybody knows Sid the Kid's name.

The same is true of Steve Nash of the Phoenix Suns, a perennial finalist because he's the best playmaker in big-time basketball, which is the second most popular team sport in the world next to soccer.

**"There are so many jewels of Canadian sport we have yet to fully appreciate."**

But that's where the familiarity gets fuzzy.

It's a revelation to discover that Canada also boasts sluggers like Jason Bay and Justin Morneau, each capable of more than 100 RBIs in Major League Baseball. Or that Daniel Nestor, the best doubles player in tennis, hails from north of the border.

If you dig deeper you understand that world champions like Christine Nesbitt of speedskating, John Kucera of alpine skiing, Jasey Jay Anderson of snowboarding and Alexandre Bilodeau of freestyle skiing also bleed red and white.

This is to say nothing of swimmer Ryan Cochrane, who won two medals at the world aquatics championships, or Priscilla Lopes-Schliep, a hurdler who captured silver at the world track and field summit.

They are Canadians close to the pinnacle of the most contested sports on the face of the Earth.

The names already mentioned barely scratch the surface.

There are golfers, mixed martial artists, figure skaters and football players who also deserve consideration.

There are so many jewels of Canadian sport we have yet to fully appreciate. Maybe we should make the Lou Marsh Award more than a one-day deliberation that seems so fleeting.

Perhaps we should make it more inclusive and spark a national celebration so that all Canadians might uncover our hidden treasures of sport.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

## Many happy returns await soccer icons in Champions League draw

SOCCER Beckham to Old Trafford. Mourinho to Stamford Bridge. Or Ancelotti to the San Siro.

Three icons of European soccer could return to the scene of past glories after UEFA draws the matchups for the Champions League knockout round-of-16 Friday.

The draw structure keeps apart winners of the eight first-round groups, which include three English and three Spanish sides, who will play their first-leg matches away at one of the runners-up.

So, Group B winner Manchester United could be drawn against AC Milan, which will have former United favourite David Beckham back in its ranks when he joins on loan from Los Angeles Galaxy next month.

Inter Milan coach Jose Mourinho has Group D winner Chelsea, which he led to two straight English Premier League titles between 2004-06, as one of six possible opponents.

That tie would send Chelsea coach Carlo Ancelotti back to the city he left last season after eight years coaching Milan — another of the Blues' seven potential opponents.

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**The Nutcracker returns**

The National Ballet of Canada will be presenting James Kudelka's version of The Nutcracker at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, 145 Queen St. W. Runs until Wednesday, and then again from Dec. 27-Jan.3. Tickets ($33-$121) available at 416-345-9595. For more, go to national.ballet.ca. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Holiday Fun Guide

## Light show

Trail of Lights, one of Canada's largest holiday light shows, can be seen from your vehicle or you can walk the trail during one of five pedestrian-only walk-through Wednesday nights. Runs to Jan. 3, from 6-11 p.m. At Downsview Park. For tickets ($20 car, $7 walk-through), call 416-952-2222 or go to downsviewpark.ca. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# The 12 wines of Christmas

PETER ROCKWELL
for Metro Canada

**Who said choosing a wine to go with turkey, stuffing, gravy, vegetables, cranberry sauce and every other edible family tradition has to be hard?**

The big bird is actually pretty flexible when it comes to liquid partners, and each of the following wines offer a marriage made in holiday heaven.

## White wines

### 1 Domaine Chandon Brut Classic, $23.99-$30.99*

Forget New Year's Eve (for now); sparkling wines are super food-friendly and this American wine — made with a champagne sensibility — will add excitement to any holiday meal.

### 2 Caymus Vineyards 2007 Conundrum, $24.95-$29.99

Sauvignon blanc is only one piece of this tasty multi-grape puzzle that twists refreshing tropical flavours around a lasting core of fresh white fruit.

### 3 Wolf Blass 2008 Yellow Label Riesling, $13.99-$16.99

'Tis the season for German riesling, but New Worlders like this Aussie tend to be a tad drier, making them even more appealing with a wide variety of food flavours.

### 4 J. Lohr 2007 Riverston Chardonnay, $19.05-$23.79

Heavily oaked chards are passé, so J. Lohr has softened its Riverstone persona by toning down the wood and playing up the citrus, which works better with turkey anyway.

### 5 Oyster Bay 2008 Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, $17.99-$21.99

Thick, rich and full-figured, Oyster Bay is a textured wonder from New Zealand that cosies up to white (and most red) meats.

### 6 Mezzacorona 2008 Pinot Grigio, $12.95-$14.99

Crisp and crowd-pleasing; pinot grigio is an all-purpose grape with Mezzacorona's interpretation a great mate for sweet, earthy and vegetal flavours.

## Red wines

### 7 Boekenhoutskloof 2008 The Wolftrap, $13.95-$14.99

The Wolftrap is a funky South African blend that's got enough muscle to drumstick wrestle turkey and plenty of fruit to fend off forward side dishes.

### 8 Kim Crawford 2008 Marlborough Noir, $19.95-$24.99

Pinot is a historic match for both roast poultry and ham with Mr. Crawford's big, bright version a vintage to vintage winner thanks to layers of strawberry fruit.

### 9 Ravenswood 2007 Vintners Blend Zinfandel, $17.95-$19.99

Zinfandel's typical mix of creamy chocolate and ripe berry fruit complexity is a fine companion for turkey — especially when the gravy boat drops anchor.

### 10 Ruffino 2006 Il Ducale Toscana, $19.95-$22.99

Cherry fruit, soft spice and juicy, flowing flavours all marry to make sangiovese-based wines like the Il Ducale a classic pick with the gobbler and eclectic holiday choices like lamb, veal and pizza.

### 11 Concho y Toro 2008 Casillero del Diablo Shiraz, $12.95-$13.99

Chile knows how to squeeze some major spice and concentrated red fruit out of shiraz, and this Diablo makes nice with both turkey and anything beefy.

### 12 Georges Duboeuf 2008 Beaujolais-Villages, $12.95-$17.99

Though a red Burgundy or merlot-based Saint-Émilion from Bordeaux both love turkey, when it comes to a French companion I'm all about Beaujolais. Fresh and super fruity (especially when lightly chilled) they pair with everything and everyone.

* Prices reflect the range across the country.

Peter Rockwell is Metro's wine columnist. Check out his Liquid Assets column on Tuesdays or online at metronews.ca/liquidassets.

## Holiday events

- **The Canadian Tenors Christmas concerts** take place Mon. & Wed. 8 p.m. ($55-$75 at 905-874-2800). Rose Theatre, 1 Theatre Lane, Brampton.
- Tafelmusik Chamber Choir and Orchestra present **Handel's Messiah**, until Sat. 7:30 p.m. ($39-$89 at 416-964-6337). Trinity-St. Paul's Centre, 427 Bloor St. W. For more, go to tafelmusik.org.
- Toronto Symphony Orchestra presents **Toronto's Favourite Messiah**. To Mon. 8 p.m. ($35-$99 at 416-593-4828). Roy Thomson Hall, 60 Simcoe St. Go to tso.ca.
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- **The Nutcracker in High Definition** features the 2008 production by The Royal Ballet; various theatres have screenings Wed. 1 p.m. ($9.25-$12.50). Go to cineplex.com/events.
- Toronto Historic Sites (**Colborne Lodge**, **Gibson House**, **Mackenzie House**, **Todmorden Mills** and **Montgomery's Inn**) have a variety of events over the holidays. Details at toronto.ca/museums. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# How to host the perfect holiday soiree

JANINE FALCON
for Metro Canada

One key to a great party is a theme, says entertaining expert Ryan Jennings. Here are his 10 tips to hosting a successful soiree.

**1 Start with colour.** "Red, silver, gold, blue, black, white — choose one and plan invitations, decorations, cocktails, food, attire, even makeup, around it," suggests Jennings.

**2 Giving is a theme.** "Invitations, decor and food can all be designed around gifting, presents, or wrapping. Ask guests to bring a donation for a charity instead of a hostess gift."

**3 Choose tunes.** Jennings says a soundtrack sets the mood of your evening. "Start with ambient lounge music and progress into more upbeat and danceable tunes. And mix in a few holiday classics."

**4 Outsource supplies.** "Glassware, dishes and linens are relatively inexpensive to rent, and they show up clean and go away dirty," notes Jennings.

**5 Pre-prep drinks.** "Mix pitchers of cocktails, minus the ice and anything bubbly. Refrigerate until needed, then pour into ice-filled glasses and top with soda or champagne if called for."

**6 Make non-drinkers feel special, too.** Jennings is the spokesperson for Bombay Sapphire and also co-author of Entertaining with Booze: Designer Drinks, Fabulous Food & Inspired Ideas for Your Next Party, but he insists on having a virgin cocktail at the ready, served in appropriate glassware.

**7 Make space.** "Move chairs, tables, anything that impedes party flow," Jennings says. "Roll up rugs, stash the fragile, and clear space for chat circles and a possible dance floor." As well, "Think dimmer switches and candlelight."

When planning a party, choose a colour, such as blue or silver, and plan around it, says expert Ryan Jennings.

**8 Get a crew if necessary.** "Dinner parties larger than 12 and cocktail parties in excess of 30 are too much for one person," says Jennings. "You'll need one or two people to help man the ovens, pass hors d'oeuvres and clear mess, as well as a savvy mixologist friend to stir up cocktails. You should be mingling with guests, not stuck in the kitchen."

**9 Stagger the food.** "Dividing hors d'oeuvres and buffet items in half and bringing them out in stages ensures that latecomers get fed and the buffet looks fresh throughout the evening," Jennings advises.

**10 Host responsibly.** "Stay sober so you can make appropriate decisions," says Jennings. "Keep an eye on guest alcohol consumption, have plenty of food available and keep a list of taxi numbers by the phone."

## Ryan Jennings' Killer 'Nog

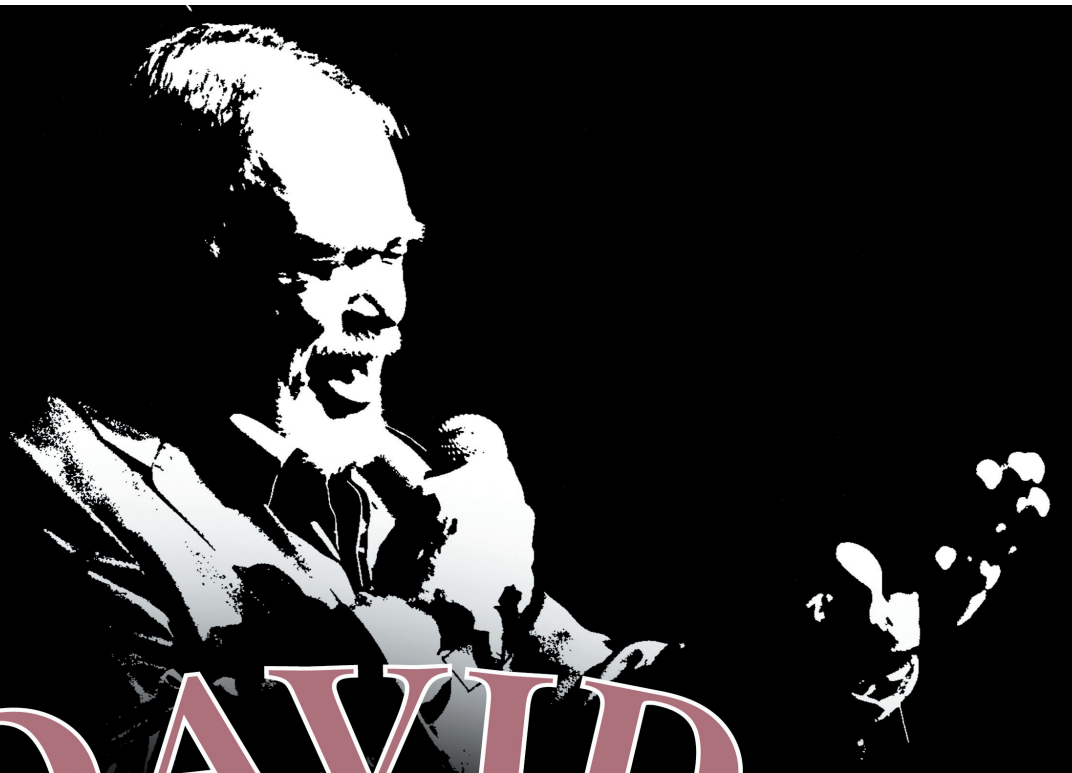
**INGREDIENTS:**

- 12 eggs, separated
- 1 1/2 cups superfine sugar
- 4 cups milk
- 4 cups heavy cream (35%)
- 3 cups bourbon
- 1 cup brandy
- 1/2 cup dark rum
- Freshly grated nutmeg

**METHOD:**

1 Beat egg yolks in a large bowl until thick and pale yellow. Gradually whisk in sugar, then whisk in milk and cream. Add brandy, bourbon and rum, stirring constantly.

2 Whisk egg white in a separate bowl until stiff. Fold egg whites into nog mixture and refrigerate until ready to serve. Pour nog into ice-filled glasses and sprinkle with nutmeg. – RYAN JENNINGS RECIPE



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## Holiday Fun Guide

# Real tree a personal choice

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Trees always seem smaller in the field than they do in your house, so take measurements before heading out, experts say.

Real or artificial, how will you celebrate the Christmas tree tradition this holiday season?

The choice is often a personal one and both options have their pluses and minuses.

On one side, an artificial tree can be reused season after season, creates no mess and requires no upkeep or care, but it usually costs much more and requires a large amount of storage space to hide it for the rest of the year.

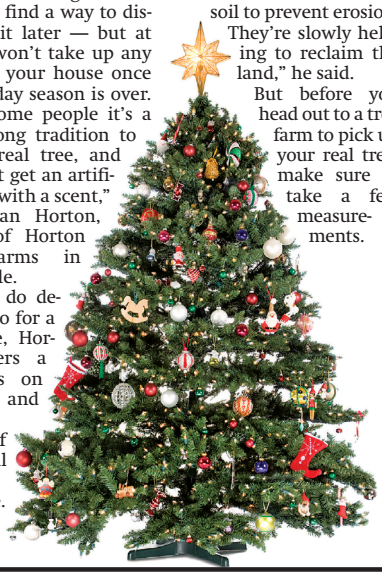
On the other hand, a real tree offers the look, feel and smell of a real tree, usually for a cheaper price, as well as the satisfaction of having a real symbol of Christmas in your living room. Of course, you'll have to spend some time to find, cut down and transport your real tree, and you'll also have to take good care of it and find a way to dispose of it later — but at least it won't take up any space in your house once the holiday season is over.

"For some people it's a very strong tradition to have a real tree, and you can't get an artificial tree with a scent," said Brian Horton, owner of Horton Tree Farms in Stouffville.

If you do decide to go for a real tree, Horton offers a few tips on finding and taking care of your real Christmas tree.

The first thing for eco-conscious revellers to know about real trees is that you're not harming the environment by deciding on a real tree. The majority of tree farms are established on the cheapest, most marginal land not suitable for growing other crops, and every cut tree is always replaced with a fresh sapling that eventually grows into another Christmas-ready tree.

"It is a renewable crop and the trees stabilize the soil to prevent erosion. They're slowly helping to reclaim the land," he said.



But before you head out to a tree farm to pick up your real tree, make sure to take a few measurements.

"Trees always seem to look smaller in the field than they do in your house, so measure your space and take along a tape measure," Horton said.

Look for a good, consistent colour throughout the tree and give the needles a tug to see if the tree is healthy.

"You can pull on the green needles and they should not come off, and if you bend the needles, they shouldn't break," he said.

Don't worry too much if the tree has a few brown needles — shedding needles is a natural thing.

Before placing your tree in its stand, be sure to make a fresh cut to help it absorb water. Feel free to score the bark just above the cut to help with absorption. Make sure to keep your tree watered.

"The key is to never let it run out of water. I would not buy a stand that holds any less than two litres of water," Horton said.

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Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law team up for the most recent film version detailing the antics of famous detective Sherlock Holmes. For his part, Downey Jr. says he went back to historical source material to convey an accurate portrayal.

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# Downey in the groove for Sherlock

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

**Robert Downey Jr. has an admittedly difficult history with London. "I was here 20 years ago and the food sucked," he says, though he's quick to add, "I kind of sucked 20 years ago. Far be it from me to say what was good when and where. I barely remember any of it." But with his new Sherlock Holmes set for release next week, he's feeling better about all things British.**

Robert Downey Jr. couldn't have asked for a better co-star than Jude Law, he says.

Sherlock Holmes hits theatres next week

In bringing a new version of the famous detective to the screen, Downey was expecting more of the pressure of history. "It's funny. Sherlock Holmes would be the one you'd think has the most onus on it," he says of the characters he's played. But during filming, he insists he got the distinct feeling they were doing everything right. "Sometimes you just feel like you're in the right groove, and you feel the history and the legacy of something," he says. "Sometimes you just feel like you're being silently approved of from some other place and time."

A key element in rounding out Holmes was finding a Watson he worked well with, and Downey insists he couldn't have asked for a better co-star than Jude Law. "I'm used to people saying, 'Well you and so-and-so who's female have this great chemistry,'" Downey says. "They're talking about Jude and I like we should be doing romantic comedies together."

While Downey's Holmes might not be something audiences necessarily find familiar, the actor insists it's a more accurate portrayal. "We were reinterpreting that character by actually going back to the source material — what he looked like, how he behaved, that he was a martial artist," Downey says.

While talk of martial arts and fighting has several Hollywood observers nervous, it was the bare-knuckle boxing scene that sealed the deal for Downey. "By the time we were done shooting that scene, I felt like we really had a handle on the movie," he says. "Not because we finally top-lit me and I showed my rippling abs and all that self-important garbage, but because it was a really bold thing and it could've gone really poorly, in which case the rest of the movie is trying to recover from a bad Guy Ritchie idea. But it was literally perfect, and I think it set the tone."

Looking forward, Downey is more than happy to be tied up with a successful pair of franchises. "Ideally, the Iron Man thing will pan out another time or two, a bit of Avengers going on. I have a feeling Sherlock is going to make a comeback. I think it's going to be well-received and do business."

But he admits he sees himself doing more than just acting. "I'd just like to parlay doing a bit of that stuff into making movies or doing stuff outside the realm of directly having to make faces for cash and chicken all the time."

### On the web

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## Basterds, Precious, Up in the Air lead SAG Awards noms

**AWARDS** Up in the Air, Precious and Inglourious Basterds led the Screen Actors Guild Awards with three nominations each Thursday, among them honours for George Clooney, Diane Kruger and Mo'Nique.

The Second World War rewrite Inglourious Basterds and the Harlem story Precious: Based on the Novel Push By Sapphire are competing for the guild's overall cast prize, along with the 1960s British drama An Education, the Iraq War tale The Hurt Locker and the musical Nine.

The corporate-downsizing tale Up in the Air was shut out of that category but scored a lead-actor nomination for Clooney as a frequent-flyer whiz and two supporting-actress slots, for Vera Farmiga as his new love and Anna Kendrick as his new protege.

The film's Canadian-born director, Jason Reitman, was not nominated.

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# Terry Gilliam's homage to Heath Ledger

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

**The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus is a flight of fancy that was very nearly grounded in mid production. The untimely death of star Heath Ledger in January 2008 almost put the brakes on the film until Terry Gilliam had an idea: Why not continue filming with three of the late actor's friends taking his place?**

Heath Ledger's untimely death almost halted production of Terry Gilliam's, inset, film The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus — that is until Ledger's friends stepped in.

"I just started calling friends of Heath," Gilliam said. "It's as simple as that. Johnny (Depp), Colin (Farrell) and Jude (Law) turned up. It was important that they were friends, because I wanted to keep it in the family. I wanted people who were close to him because, as Colin said when he was doing his part, he was channelling Heath part of the time, so Heath was very much still alive in some sense.

"I didn't know whether this would work until I got back to London. We were working on autopilot. Working because that's what we decided to do and we got back to London and I showed the first cut to the post-sound guy, who hadn't been involved in the process, and he just assumed it was written that way. I thought, 'It works.'"

Co-star Christopher Plummer says he thinks it works better than the original script.

"The audience needs to be rejuvenated at the eleventh hour and they are by the presence of the three guys," he said. "I think Heath would have thoroughly approved of that and probably have been relieved not to go, 'OK fellas, it's time I had a break.'"

One of Heath's co-stars, however, had a harder time accepting the loss and the replacements. Lily Cole says she cried on the first day of shooting without Ledger, but soon realized that by stepping in Depp, Farrell and Law were doing a "brave and lovely thing" to honor the late actor.

Gilliam agrees, viewing the finished film as homage to Ledger. A credit where the director's name usually sits is a tribute to the late actor and the respect he earned.

"Contractually, it was supposed to be a Terry Gilliam Film," he said. "That's what the lawyers said, but I said, 'No way it's going to be that. It's going to be a film from Heath Ledger and friends.' The cast sat around one night and that idea came up and I said, 'This is it. Perfect. That's how we do it.'"

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Sixty-three songs from eligible feature-length motion pictures are contending for nominations in the Original Song category for the 82nd Academy Awards, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced Wednesday. DEADLINE.COM

# Morgans a forgettable rom-com

## It's probably best that you don't listen to anything you hear about this movie

**Did You Hear About The Morgans**

**Director:** Marc Lawrence
**Stars:** Hugh Grant, Sarah Jessica Parker, Sam Eliot
**Classification:** PG
**Rating:** ⊕½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Hugh Grant plays a befuddled British lawyer and Sarah Jessica Parker plays a wealthy New Yorker in Did You Hear About The Morgans.

**In general Hollywood romantic comedies are unbelievable star vehicles with reheated plotlines that are predictable from the first scene.**

Expectations have to be lowered for most movies of this type because rom-com audiences simply don't want deviations in the established formula. However, from time to time something like Did You Hear About The Morgans comes along that is so ludicrous and clichéd that even people who enjoy these sorts of movies have to admit it's a failure.

Hugh Grant and Sarah Jessica Parker star as an estranged married couple and will surprise no one by appearing as a befuddled British lawyer and wealthy go-getter New Yorker respectively. One night, while trying to rebuild their bonds, they somehow witness a murder and end up in the witness protection program.

The couple are sent to Wyoming to stay with a cute country cop husband and wife team played by Sam Eliot and Mary Steenburgen. Do you think there's a chance that this troubled big city couple might work out their marital woes as they learn love simple country life?

The movie is a simplistic and inoffensive time waster and for some that will be enough. However, anyone whose brain is remotely active while watching the film is sure to be put off by a script so tired that it actually features a scene in which Steenburgen admits that her previous marriage squabbles were solved when her cowboy husband bought her a gun and a cow … you know, just like real country folk.

There's no semblance of reality here, it's a universe governed by clichés. While it's always nice to see Grant, Parker, Eliot, and Steenburgen trot out their established screen personas for laughs, no good will the audience has for the cast could possibly overcome the laundry list of problems with the halfhearted screenplay and ham-fisted direction. If anyone asks, you haven't heard anything about the Morgans and want nothing to do with them.

• For a Did You Hear About The Morgans trailer, photos, screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies.

Our reviewer describes Avatar, staring Sam Worthington, as mesmerizing.

# James Cameron's Avatar well worth the 12-year wait

## Mesmerizing, immersive, vibrant used to describe film

**Avatar**

**Director:** James Cameron
**Stars:** Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, Giovani Ribisi
**Classification:** STC
**Rating:** ⊕⊕⊕⊕½

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

**The best word to describe watching James Cameron's long-awaited Avatar is, overwhelming. The tech-savvy director has created a truly immersive experience, utilizing 3-D and motion capture technology to create the brand-new, vibrant world of Pandora, and its slender, yellow-eyed, blue-skinned inhabitants, the Na'vi.**

The smartest thing Cameron does is keep the story simple. It's something we've seen before: A native population stands in the way of the goals of an invading force — in this case, humans led by a greedy corporate honcho (Giovani Ribisi) and a marine colonel (Stephen Lang) displaying Apocalypse Now levels of menace.

As Sam Worthington's Jake is sent, via a human/Na'vi hybrid body (or avatar), to infiltrate the Na'vi, he falls in love with one of their own (Zoe Saldana) and takes their side. With an unchallenging story, Cameron leaves plenty of room for the technical splendor to do the heavy lifting, and he strikes a great balance.

The film isn't perfect, of course. Some of the exchanges and declarations are rather clunky, as dialogue was never really Cameron's strong suit. And there are several less-than-subtle criticisms of Bush administration foreign policy — something that apparently can happen when it takes five years to complete a film. But the overall effect is mesmerizing and well worth the wait.

• For an Avatar trailer, photos, and screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies.

**Hathaway in car crash**

Anne Hathaway was involved in a traffic collision in Los Angeles Wednesday afternoon. The 27-year-old movie beauty was sitting on the passenger seat of a car driven by her actor boyfriend, Adam Shulman, when the vehicle collided with a cyclist. ACESHOWBIZ.COM

## Reel Time

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

# Director goes back in time for Victoria

**The Young Victoria**

**Director:** Jean-Marc Vallee
**Stars:** Emily Blunt, Rupert Friend
**Classification:** STC
**Rating:**

ADAM NAYMAN
Metro World News

Emily Blunt plays a believable adolescent Queen Victoria.

**It's a bit disappointing that Quebecois director Jean-Marc Vallee chose to follow up his ecstatic 2005 debut C.R.A.Z.Y. with a Golden Age melodrama. Why would such an unruly, contemporary talent willingly stuff himself into a period-piece corset?**

That said, The Young Victoria, which stars Emily Blunt as the eponymous monarch and Rupert Friend as her ardent suitor Prince Albert, is perfectly acceptable filmmaking in the costume drama mode. As an examination of girl-in-a-gilded-cage melancholy, it's far more affecting than last year's similarly themed The Duchess (which seemed mostly like an excuse to dress Keira Knightley in a variety of fetching ensembles). Screenwriter Julian Fellowes frames the monarch not as an ascendant icon but a frustrated teenage girl, and it's no small compliment to say that the 26-year old Blunt comes off as credibly adolescent (including a few nicely played temper tantrums).

Vallee eschews the directorial pyrotechnics that marked C.R.A.Z.Y., but still has some trouble finding an appropriately stately pace: The introductions of several major characters and their various roles in palace intrigue (most of it revolving around the 18-year-old queen's ability to rule) feel rushed. Eventually, the film settles into a gauzy, romantic groove, building to a climax that feels emotionally authentic even as it plays rather fast and loose with the historical record.

# Big River Man would go over big with Herzog

**Big River Man**

**Director:** John Maringouin
**Stars:** Martin Strel, Borut Strel, Matthew Mohlke
**Classification:** STC
**Rating:**

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

**"There is no hero worship in Big River Man, everyone is presented as complicated three-dimensional figures filled with flaws."**

**FEATURE** In 2007 a man swam across the Amazon River, but it wasn't some sort of Lance Armstrong-esque inspirational athletic figure who accomplished this incredible feat. It was a pot-bellied 53-year-old Slovenian man named Martin Strel with a taste for horsemeat hamburgers and a collection of bad habits. Documentary filmmaker John Maringouin was on hand to film the epic swim and ended up with Big River Man, a fascinating new documentary about an eccentric man on an impossible quest that would make Werner Herzog proud.

Martin Strel claimed he swam the Amazon in an attempt to raise awareness about the depletion of the rain forests, but it becomes clear early on that this was little more than lip service. Strel is a quiet man with a mysteriously abusive past who swims to outrun his personal demons. This isn't a movie about an inspiring accomplishment, but document of a troubled journey that almost killed the intriguing man and the complicated relationship he has with his son Borut who organized the stunt and provides voice-over for the film. By the end of the swim, Martin Strel's beer-only drinking habits and constant physical excursion almost kill him, while the strain of the swim causes brain damage and dementia. Not exactly an inspiring tale, but a fascinating one.

Director John Maringouin isn't a filmmaker who pulls punches as he proved in his painfully autobiographical 2006 effort Running Stumbled. There is no hero worship in Big River Man, everyone is presented as complicated three-dimensional figures filled with flaws. Maringouin clearly loves his subjects, but is willing to show them in a realistic manner, topped off with expressive cinematography and editing techniques that emphasize the emotional strain of the journey and the beauty of the location. Big River Man is a complicated, entertaining, and rewarding documentary that showcases the strengths of the medium.

# Almodovar at his best

**Broken Embraces**

**Director:** Pedro Almodovar
**Stars:** Penelope Cruz, Lluis Homar, Jose Luis Gomez
**Classification:** STC
**Rating:**

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** At age 60 and with almost 20 films under his belt, Spanish troublemaker Pedro Almodovar still refuses to make movies that behave.

His latest offering, the twisty, turny neo-noir Broken Embraces is no exception. The film tells the tale of a blind pulp fiction writer named Mateo (Lluis Homar), a haunted man who has seemingly withdrawn from life, save for the odd sexual encounter. After a visit from a mysterious young filmmaker sends him into an emotional tailspin, another story is then woven in flashback, drawing the action back a decade earlier, a time when Mateo was a famous, almost Almodovar-esque director, worshipped by many, respected by all. Into his life comes a deranged millionaire (Jose Luis Gomez) and his gorgeous young wife Lena (Penelope Cruz), a meeting which sets forth a volatile chain events that references both the artifice of cinema and genuine human tragedy. To say any more would be to spoil the serpentine picture's delirious sting.

Almodovar is one of those filmmakers that, even when his output is lukewarm (1995's The Flower of My Secret immediately springs to mind) it's usually heads, shoulders and other extremities above most director's best work but rest assured Broken Embraces is the maestro firing on all cylinders.

As far as Cruz goes, her mainstream critics tend to cite the mostly lackluster American films she ends up in (see Sahara, etc.), but to see her act in her native tongue, is in her comfort zone, is always a treat and here, she's a revelation. As the conflicted, deceitful and hopelessly love (and lust) struck Lena, Cruz owns every frame she graces, delivering a layered, textured and unabashedly sensual performance that ranks as one of the years best.

Part hard boiled mystery, part arch melodrama, part erotic thriller, Broken Embraces is another Almodovar masterpiece, a colorful, emotional amalgam of the fluid, heart pumping Hollywood classics he so adores.

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# Hudson sounds off in film Nine

Movie **feature**

AARTI VIRANI
Metro World News

**The last time we were treated to the vocal stylings of Kate Hudson — really more of a warbled rendition of You're So Vain in 2003's How To Lose A Guy in 10 Days — we didn't necessarily want more. But the actress executes an impressive double play as she shimmies and croons (soulfully, might we add) in Rob Marshall's latest film, Nine.**

As one of the seven big-name beauties gracing Marshall's epic musical about the mid-life crisis of a prolific 1960s Italian film director, Guido Contini (Daniel Day-Lewis), Hudson shares the limelight with a constellation of muses: Nicole Kidman, Penelope Cruz, Marion Cotillard, Judi Dench, Stacy (Fergie) Ferguson and Sophia Loren. She plays Stephanie, a sultry American, Vogue journalist, smitten with all things Italian — Contini included.

But even though Hudson certainly exudes mystique during her catchy, pop-tinged number, Cinema Italiano, it didn't necessarily come naturally.

"I've come out of a contemporary jazz background but there are no flexed feet or pirouettes here," she admits. "It's a very difficult song to sing — fast, articulate and belty. It took Rob (Marshall) to sort of push that out of me … and I wasn't going to let him down."

### Curtain calling

While growing up in Colorado, Hudson spent many an afternoon reenacting a slew of musicals, including Meet Me in St. Louis, Bye Bye Birdie, and her all-time favorite, Annie.

"I didn't want to be Annie as much as I wanted to play Annie," she says. As to whether she's passed the performer genes on to her six-year-old son, Ryder, she's not sure, though he did insist on dressing up as a one-man Mariachi band this past Halloween. "He wanted to wear the big sombrero," she says sheepishly. "And he still wears the outfit."

### A day's work

- When describing a scene where her character unabashedly fawns over Guido at a bar, Hudson admits it wasn't love at first site. "We got to get drunk. We were laughing, with stools flying all over the place. I didn't get the agonized Guido," she shares, almost relieved. "I think Stephanie is just intrigued by his mystique."

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**Singer back with X-Men**

Director Bryan Singer appeared on MySpace's Avatar premiere on Wednesday night and announced his next film would be X-Men First Class. The new film is intended to tell the story of Cyclops, Jean Grey, and other characters from the comic book series. IMDB.COM

# For Tucci, Lovely Bones was a hard movie to make

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

**"I think Stanley hated inhabiting the skin of this character."**
Peter Jackson on Stanley Tucci

**FEATURE** In bringing Alice Sebold's "The Lovely Bones" to the screen, director and co-writer Peter Jackson knew just as much hinged on casting young Susie Salmon, the murdered teen narrator (Saoirse Ronan) as it did on casting her killer, George Harvey. To hedge his bets, Jackson turned to veteran stage and screen actor Stanley Tucci. "We actually had people say they'd never take this role because they couldn't imagine spending months walking in the shoes of this man," Jackson remembers.

Tucci himself had his own reservations, he admits. "I was very reticent to take the part at first because I have kids, and I can't really read anything or watch anything with kids getting harmed," says Tucci, last seen in Julie & Julia as a loving husband to Meryl Streep's Julia Child. "I don't like things with serial killers. A lot of it's gratuitous or pornographic, almost."

Luckily, Tucci is far from a method actor. "I'll go as far as I have to go in order to make you believe me," Tucci says of becoming a disturbed killer beneath Mr. Harvey's quiet, unassuming surface.

"In the end, it's pretending. So really, if I don't feel anything while I'm making a movie, it doesn't really make any difference. What makes a difference is what you feel watching me. If you believe me, that's all that matters."

"I think Stanley hated inhabiting the skin of this character," he says. "He tried each night to shower off the reptilian stuff." Tucci admits that he might've had those problems at first. "But once you once you understand who he is and you find him, for me, then I could drop him at the end of the day," he says.

# Chipmunks bring back some high-pitched fun

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Alvin & the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel opens next week.

**Zachary Levi has gone from Chuck to Chipmunk.**

The 29-year old actor who plays the titular electronics store clerk-turned-spy in TV's Chuck is honored to become guardian of the world's most famous rock 'n' roll rodents in next week's release, Alvin & the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel.

"I was about eight when I was watching them in the Eighties," said Levi of the decades-old characters during a recent interview in Los Angeles. "And no matter how they've changed in their look and their medium — crude animation in the '80s to now — they're still the same guys. Kids will love them."

And children have definitely loved Alvin & The Chipmunks ever since they made their debut on a Minneapolis radio station singing The Chipmunk Song back in 1958. Further, their popularity has only spread as evidenced by the popularity of their 2007 full-length film debut, which earned over $350 million globally.

"Look, there's nothing cuter than a couple of chipmunks singing songs," explained Levi. "(Producers) Ross (Bagdasarian) and Janice (Karman) have taken that torch and maintained the innocence and the purity and the heart that the Chipmunks have always had. That's what I think keeps people with it."

In the latest cinematic installment of the franchise, Levi is entrusted to the singing trio when their proper guardian Dave (Jason Lee) is hospitalized at the expense of Alvin's wild on-stage antics. Ordered to send the chipmunks to school, Levi's bumbling Toby finds the miniature munks a handful — especially once they become smitten with their furry female counterparts, the Chipettes.

"It is (a little freaky) but it's so cool," said Levi of the Chipettes' high-pitched versions of contemporary pop songs. "(The producers) always make it relevant to wherever they need to be. They did that in the '50s; they do it now so it's cool."

While Levi added the cover of hit single Hot N Cold may have stood out, it was a variation of another Katy Perry song that the jokester would've preferred to hear.

"I was surprised they didn't have I Kissed a Squirrel (And I Liked It), but whatever, I wasn't in charge of the music."

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**Hathaway in car crash**

Anne Hathaway was involved in a traffic collision in Los Angeles Wednesday afternoon. The 27-year-old movie beauty was sitting on the passenger seat of a car driven by her actor boyfriend, Adam Shulman, when the vehicle collided with a cyclist. ACESHOWBIZ.COM

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# James Cameron is not the only perfectionist in the film industry

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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In the gap between James Cameron's last theatrical feature, Titanic, and his new film, Avatar (in theatres this weekend) Clint Eastwood directed 11 movies, Michael Bay made six and even Uwe Boll, a director so reviled an online petition demands he stop making films, has made 15 in the time it took Cameron to make just one.

So what's the hold up?

Some suggest Cameron takes so long between gigs because his commitment to his projects is so intense he wants to be sure he is on the right track before camera starts to roll.

"I want you to know one thing," he allegedly told one producer, "once we embark on this adventure and I start to make this movie, the only way you'll be able to stop me is to kill me."

Also, Cameron isn't bound by the same considerations as most directors.

He wrote the script for Avatar in 1994 and was prepared to wait until special effects technology caught up with his vision.

The luxury of having time is what happens when you make the highest grossing movie in history, a fact he celebrates, wearing a t-shirt that reads "Time Means Nothing in the Face of Creativity."

Like Cameron, Stanley Kubrick spent more time off movie sets than on. In a career that spanned 46 years he made only 13 movies but spent years developing pictures that never went into production — like Napoleon, an epic look at the life of the French Emperor that he expected to be "the best movie ever made."

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James Cameron

Others choose long layoffs between projects for different reasons. Actor Casey Affleck (Ben's younger brother) had three movies released in 2007 but nothing else scheduled until 2010. Why the break?

"To be perfectly honest, I don't really enjoy playing anybody," he says, "except Casey Affleck lying on the couch watching the Red Sox … usually, when I'm working, I'm not really having a good time."

Then there's Daniel Day-Lewis, an actor whose lapses between projects makes Affleck look like a workaholic. The There Will Be Blood star routinely takes years off between films, once disappearing from the big screen for five years.

When asked why he doesn't work more often he said, "I like to cook things very slowly. I learnt early on that I couldn't jump from one kind of work to another. I did it a couple of times and it didn't work."

James Cameron has Stanley Kubrick-like dedication to his movies.

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This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

# Screen Times

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## DOWNTOWN

### BLOOR THEATRE
506 Bloor St., 416-516-2330

**Babes in Toyland** (STC) Mon 4:30
**Bright Star** (PG) Sun 6:30 Mon 7
**A Christmas Carol** (STC) Wed 4:30
**Coco avant Chanel** (PG) Fri 4 Sat 7 Sun 9
**Die Hard** (STC) Wed 9
**Happy 65th Keith Richards** (STC) Fri 9:45
**Home Alone** (PG) Wed 7
**It's a Wonderful Life** (STC) Fri 7 Tue 4
**No Films Showing Today** (STC) Thu
**Raiders of the Lost Ark** (STC) Sat 4:30 Sun 1:30 Mon 9:25
**The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (14A) Fri 11:45
**A Serious Man** (14A) Sat 9:20 Tue 9:25
**Tokyo Sonata** (PG) Sun 4 Tue 7

### CUMBERLAND CINEMAS
159 Cumberland Ave., 416-646-0444

**New York, I Love You** (14A) Fri-Wed 1:30-4:45-7:30-10:10 Thu 1:30-4:45-7:30
**The Road** (14A) Fri-Wed 1:15-4:7-10 Thu 1:15-4-7
**A Single Man** (PG) Fri-Wed 1-1:45-3:30-4:30-6:45-7:15-9:15-9:45 Thu 1-1:45-3:30-4:30-6:45-7:15

### SCOTIABANK THEATRE
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

**Avatar 3D** (STC) No Passes Fri 12-1-2-3:40-5-6:15-7:30-9-10-11:15 No Passes Sat 12-1-3:40-5-7:30-9-10-11:15 No Passes Sun-Thu 12-1-2-3:40-5-6:15-7:30-9-10-11:15
**Avatar: An IMAX 3D Experience** (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-3:20-7:10:30
**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:50-10:10
**Brothers** (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:50-11
**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:50-2:30-5:10-8:10:50
**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 11:40-3-6:30-9:40 No Passes Wed 6:30-9:40 No Passes Thu 11:40-3-6:30-9:40 No Passes Fri 12:40-4:10-7:20-10:40 No Passes Sat 7:20-10:40 No Passes Sun-Thu 12:40-4:10-7:20-10:40
**The Metropolitan Opera: Les Contes d'Hoffmann** (STC) Sat 1
**Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire** (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:45-9:50
**The Road** (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-4:20-7:10-11:10
**The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker** (STC) Wed 1
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:10-6:20-9:30
**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-4-6:40-9:20 No Passes Fri-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:40-10:20

### MARKET SQUARE
80 Front St., 416-494-9371

**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) Wed 12:45-2:45-4:45-6:45-8:45 Thu 12:45-2:45-4:45-6:45
**Avatar** (STC) Fri-Wed 12:50-3:20-6:30-9:40 Thu 12:50-3:20-6:30
**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri-Wed 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:30 Thu 1:10-4:10-6:50
**Brothers** (14A) Fri-Tue 1-3:50-7-9:25 Wed 9:25
**Invictus** (PG) Fri-Wed 12:50-4-6:40-9:20 Thu 12:50-4-6:40
**Ninja Assassin** (18A) Fri-Tue 9
**Old Dogs** (G) Fri-Tue 1:15-3:15-5:15-7:15
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:40-6:35-9:15 Wed 12:30-3:40-6:50 Thu 12:30-3:40-6:35
**Up in the Air** (14A) Wed 1:15-3:45-7:15-9:30 Thu 1:15-3:45-7:15

### REVUE CINEMA
400 Roncesvalles Ave., 416-531-9959

**Hoodwinked!** (G) Sat 4:15 Sun 2
**How the Grinch Stole Christmas** (G) Sat 2
**The Informant!** (14A) Sun 9:20 Tue 9:30 Wed 7
**It Might Get Loud** (PG) Tue 7 Wed 9
**No Films Showing Today** (STC) Thu
**Pirate Radio** (14A) Fri 9:20 Sat-Mon 7
**Whip It** (PG) Fri 7 Sat 9:30 Sun 4 Mon 9:30

### THE ROYAL
608 College St., 416-466-4400

**Big River Man** (STC) Fri-Mon 7 Tue-Wed 9
**Collapse** (STC) Fri-Mon 9:15 Tue-Wed 7
**No Films Showing Today** (STC) Thu

### VARSITY
55 Bloor St. W., 416-961-6304

**Avatar 3D** (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-3:10-7-10:45
**Broken Embraces** (14A) Fri-Thu 12-3:40-7:10-10:10 Fri-Thu 1:05-3:55-6:45-9:35
**Brothers** (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:40-7:50-10:30
**Fantastic Mr. Fox** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-4:50-7:20-9:20
**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-4-7:15-10:20 No Passes Fri 3:25-6:25-9:25 No Passes Sat-Thu 12:35-3:25-6:25-9:25
**Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire** (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:10-9:10 Fri 1:15-4:25-10:05 Sat-Thu 1:15-4:25-7:25-10:05
**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:20-9:20 No Passes Fri 12:45-3:45-9:45 No Passes Sat-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:55-9:45
**The Young Victoria** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:30

Orson Welles stars Zac Efron as the young film director.

### CANADA SQUARE
2200 Yonge St., 416-646-0444

**2012** (14A) Fri 3:20-6:40-10 Sat-Wed 3:10-6:30-9:50 Thu 3:10-6:30
**Disney's A Christmas Carol** (STC) Fri 4:15-6:45 Sat-Thu 2-4:15-6:45
**An Education** (PG) Fri 4:50-7:20-9:40 Sat-Wed 1:55-4:50-7:20-9:40 Thu 1:55-4:50-7:20
**Fantastic Mr. Fox** (PG) Wed 1:40-4:40-7:05-9:45 Thu 1:40-4:40-7:05
**The Hurt Locker** (14A) Fri 4:25-7:15-10 Sat-Wed 1:35-4:25-7:15-10 Thu 1:35-4:25-7:15
**Me and Orson Welles** (PG) Fri 4:10-7-9:55 Sat-Wed 1:30-4:10-7-9:55 Thu 1:30-4:10-7
**Old Dogs** (G) Fri-Wed 9:15
**Pirate Radio** (14A) Fri 4:30-7:10-9:50 Sat-Wed 1:45-4:30-7-10:50 Thu 1:45-4:30-7:10
**Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire** (14A) Fri 4:20-6:50-9:30 Sat-Wed 1:50-4:20-6:50-9:30 Thu 1:50-4:20-6:50
**The Road** (14A) Fri 4:40-7:05-9:45 Sat-Tue 1:40-4:40-7:05-9:45

### MT. PLEASANT THEATRE
675 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-489-8484

**Coco avant Chanel** (PG) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4:30 Tue-Wed 7
**No Films Showing Today** (STC) Mon Thu
**A Serious Man** (14A) Fri-Sat 9:25 Sun 7 Tue-Wed 9:10

### REGENT THEATRE
551 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-480-9884

**Amreeka** (14A) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4:30 Tue-Wed 7
**No Films Showing Today** (STC) Mon Thu
**Surviving Crooked Lake** (STC) Fri-Sat 9 Sun 7

### YONGE-EGLINTON CENTRE
2300 Yonge St., 416-544-1236

**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) No Passes Wed 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:15-9:45 No Passes Thu 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:15
**Avatar 3D** (STC) No Passes Fri-Wed 11:30-2-3:10-6:15-7:10-10:45 No Passes Thu 11:30-12-3:10-3:50-7:7:40
**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri-Wed 12-3:30-6:40-10:20 Thu 12:10-3:30-6:40
**Brothers** (14A) Fri 12:20-4-6:50-9:30 Sat 6:50-9:30 Sun-Tue 12:20-4-6:50-9:30
**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) No Passes Fri 12:40-4:30-7:10-10:10 No Passes Sat 12:40-4 No Passes Sun-Wed 12:40-4:30-7:10-10:10 No Passes Thu 12:40-4:30-7:10 No Passes Sat 7:10-10:10
**Fantastic Mr. Fox** (PG) Fri 12:10-3:45-6:45-9:20 Sat 6:45-9:20 Sun-Tue 12:10-3:45-6:45-9:20
**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 11:40-3-6:30-9:40 No Passes Wed 11:45-3-6:30-9:30 No Passes Thu 11:45-3-6:30
**The Metropolitan Opera: Les Contes d'Hoffmann** (STC) Sat 1
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri-Wed 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50 Thu 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:20
**The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker** (STC) Wed 1
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30-4:15-7:30-10:30 Wed 4:15-7:30-10:30 Thu 12:30-4:15-7:30
**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Wed 12:20-4-6:50-9:40 No Passes Thu 12:20-4-6:50

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10 Dundas St East, 416-977-2642

**2012** (14A) Fri 1:30-2:15-3:30-4:45-5:45-7:8:15-9-10:15 Sat-Sun 10:45-11:45-1:30-2:15-3:30-4:45-5:45-7:8:15-9-10:15 Mon-Wed 1:30-2:15-3:30-4:45-5:45-7:8:15-9-10:15 Thu 1:30-2:15-3:30-4:45-5:45-7:8:15-9
**3 Idiots** (STC) Wed-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:45-10
**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) Wed 12:30-1:30-2:15-3:4:10-5:5:50-6:30-7:30-8:20-9-9:50-10:40 Thu 12:30-1:30-2:15-3:4:10-5:5:50-6:30-7:30-8:20-9-9:50
**Armored** (14A) Fri 2-2:50-3:40-4:20-5:10-6-7-7:40-8:30-9:30-10:10-10:45 Sat-Sun 10:40-11:40-12:20-1:10-2-2:50-3:40-4:20-5:10-6-7-7:40-8:30-9:30-10:10-10:45 Mon 1:10-2-3:40-4:20-6-7-8:30-9:30-10:45 Tue 2-2:50-4:20-5:10-7-7:40-9:30-10:10 Wed 1:10-2-2:50-3:40-4:20-5:10-6-7-7:40-8:30-9:30-10:10 Thu 1:10-2-2:50-3:40-4:20-5:10-6-7-7:40-8:30-9:30-10:10
**Couples Retreat** (PG) Fri 2:10-4:55-7:35-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:20-2:10-4:55-7:35-10:10 Mon-Tue 2:10-4:55-7:35-10:10
**Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D** (STC) Fri 1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15 Sat-Sun 11:30-1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15 Mon 1:45-4:15 Tue-Thu 1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15 Fri 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Mon-Tue 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Wed 12:25-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Thu 12:25-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:05
**An Education** (PG) Fri 1:25-4:25-7:05-9:35 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:25-4:25-7:05-9:35 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:05-9:35
**Everybody's Fine** (PG) Fri 1:35-3:35-4:35-6:30-7:30-9-10 Sat-Sun 11:10-12:35-1:35-3:35-4:35-6:30-7:30-9-10 Mon-Tue 12:35-1:35-3:35-4:35-6:30-7:30-9-10 Wed-Thu 12:35-3:35-6:30-9
**Fantastic Mr. Fox** (PG) Fri 1:15-2:25-3:25-4:40-5:40-7:25-8:25-9:45-10:45 Sat-Sun 10:55-12:15-1:15-2:25-3:25-4:40-5:40-7:25-8:25-9:45-10:45 Wed 1:15-3:25-5:40-8:25-10:45 Thu 1:15-3:25-5:40-8:25
**Gran Teatre del Liceu: Il Trovatore** (STC) Special Engagement Tue 2-8
**Law Abiding Citizen** (18A) Fri 2:40-5:20-7:50-10:25 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:40-5:20-7:50-10:25 Mon-Wed 2:40-5:20-7:50-10:25 Thu 2:40-5:20-7:50-10:10
**Ninja Assassin** (18A) Fri 2:20-3:20-4:50-5:50-7:20-8:20-9:50-10:50 Sat-Sun 11:45-12:45-2:20-3:20-4:50-5:50-7:20-8:20-9:50-10:50 Mon-Wed 12:45-2:20-3:20-4:50-5:50-7:20-8:20-9:50-10:50 Thu 12:45-2:20-3:20-4:50-5:50-7:20-8:20-9:50
**Old Dogs** (G) Fri 2:30-5:7-10-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:25-2:30-5:7-10-9:25 Mon-Tue 2:30-5:7-10-9:25 Wed-Thu 12:20-2:30-5:7-10-9:25
**Planet 51** (PG) Fri 1:35-4:05-6:40-9:10 Sat-Sun 11:20-1:35-4:05-6:40-9:10 Mon-Tue 1:35-4:05-6:40-9:10
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri 1:30-2:15-2:45-4:4:45-5:30-6:45-7:15-8-9:15-9:45-10:30 Sat-Sun 10:40-11:40-12:30-1:30-2:15-2:45-4:4:45-5:30-6:45-7:15-8-9:15-9:45-10:30 Mon-Wed 12:45-1:30-2:15-3:15-4:4:45-5:30-6:45-7:15-8-9:15-9:45-10:30 Thu 12:45-1:30-2:15-3:15-4:4:45-5:30-6:45-7:15-8-9:15-9:45
**A Serious Man** (14A) Fri 2:10-5:05-7:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:10-5:05-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 2:10-5:05-7:30-10:05
**A Single Man** (PG) Fri 2-4:30-7:20-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:25-2-4:30-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 2-4:30-7:20-9:55

## WEST END

### ALBION CINEMAS
1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

**3 Idiots** (STC) Wed-Thu 2:30-5-6-8:30-9:30
**De Dana Dan** (PG) Fri 4:45 Sat-Sun 6:15 Mon-Tue 4:45
**Paa** (PG) Fri 8:15 Sat-Sun 3:15-6:15 Mon-Tue 8:15
**Rocket Singh: Salesman of the Year** (PG) Fri 4:45-8 Sat-Sun 3-6-9 Mon-Tue 4:45-8 Wed-Thu 2:15

### QUEENSWAY
1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

**2012** (14A) Fri-Thu 11:45-3:25-7:05-10:50
**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 11:35-2:15-4:55-7:25-10
**Armored** (14A) Fri 2:20-5:20-8-10:30 Sat 8-10:30 Sun-Mon 2:20-5:20-8-10:30 Tue 5:20-8-10:30
**Avatar** (STC) No Passes Fri-Tue 2-6:15-10 No Passes Wed 1-6:15-10 No Passes Thu 2-6:15-10
**Avatar 3D** (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-12-3:10-3:45-7-7:30-10:45-11:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 11:30-12-3:10-3:45-7-7:30-10:45
**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:35-6:55-10:15
**Brothers** (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:35-10:35
**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
**Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D** (STC) Fri-Thu 11:40-2:10-4:45-7:20-9:55
**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:05-3:20-6:35-10:05
**The Metropolitan Opera: Les Contes d'Hoffmann** (STC) Sat 1
**Ninja Assassin** (18A) Fri 1:50-4:50-7:45-10:40 Sat 7:45-10:40 Sun-Tue 1:50-4:50-7:45-10:40 Wed 4:50-7:45-10:40 Thu 1:55-4:50-7:45-10:40
**Old Dogs** (G) Fri-Thu 1:55-5-7:50-10:20
**Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire** (14A) Fri-Thu 11:55-3-6:10-9:15
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri-Thu 11:35-1:15-2:05-4-4:40-6:45-7:15-9:20-9:50
**The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker** (STC) Wed 1
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-3:05-6:30-9:45
**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:25-9:35
**The Young Victoria** (PG) Fri 12:20-3:30-6:35-9:40 Sat 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:40 Sun-Tue 12:20-3:30-6:35-9:40 Wed-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:40

### WOODBINE CENTRE
500 Rexdale Blvd., 416-213-1998

**2012** (14A) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:45-8
**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) Wed 12:35-2:40-4:45-6:50-9 Thu 12:35-2:40-4:45-6:50
**Armored** (14A) Fri-Wed 12:45-4:10-7:10-9:20 Thu 12:45-4:10-7:10
**Avatar** (STC) Fri-Wed 12:15-3:20-6:30-9:40 Thu 12:15-3:20-6:30
**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) Fri-Wed 1-4-6:50-9:30 Thu 1-4-6:50
**Invictus** (PG) Fri-Wed 12:40-3:45-6:40-9:25 Thu 12:40-3:45-6:40
**Old Dogs** (G) Fri-Wed 12:50-2:55-5:7:05-9:15 Thu 12:50-2:55-5:7:05
**Planet 51** (PG) Fri-Tue 1:05-3:55
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri-Wed 12:30-2:45-4:55-7:05-9:15 Thu 12:30-2:45-4:55-7:05
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Tue 7-9:40
**Up in the Air** (14A) Wed 1:05-3:55-7-9:40 Thu 1:05-3:55-7

## EAST END

### BEACH CINEMAS
1651 Queen St. E., 416-699-5971

**2012** (14A) Fri-Sat 6:40-10:10 Sun-Tue 2:30-6:40-10:10
**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) No Passes Wed 12:15-2:30-4:40-6:50-9:15 No Passes Thu 12:15-2:30-4:40-6:50
**Avatar 3D** (STC) No Passes Fri 3:10-7:10:45 No Passes Thu 11:30-3:10-7
**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat-Wed 1:15-4:30-7:30-10:30 Thu 1:15-4:30-7:30
**Brothers** (14A) Fri 4:15-7:20-9:50 Sat-Wed 1-4:15-7:20-9:50 Thu 1-4:15-7:20
**The Metropolitan Opera: Les Contes d'Hoffmann** (STC) Sat 1
**Planet 51** (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9 Sat-Tue 12:30-3:30-6:30-9
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri 4-7:10-10:20 Sat-Wed 12:45-4-7:10-10:20 Thu 12:45-4-7:10
**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Wed 12:30-3:30-6:30-9 No Passes Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30

### FOX THEATRE
2236 Queen St. E., 416-691-7330

**2012** (14A) Fri 9:15 Sat 3:30-9:15 Sun-Mon 9:15
**The Informant!** (14A) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 3:30-7 Mon 7
**Law Abiding Citizen** (18A) Tue 9:15 Wed 7
**No Films Showing Today** (STC) Thu
**Pirate Radio** (14A) Tue 7 Wed 9
**The Polar Express** (G) Sat-Sun 1:30

## NORTH YORK

### SHEPPARD GRANDE
4861 Yonge St., 416-590-9974

**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) No Passes Wed 11:30-2-4:40-7:15-9:55 No Passes Thu 11:30-2-4:40-7:15
**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri 3:15-6:25-9:35 Sat-Wed 12-3:15-6:25-9:35 Thu 12-3:15-6:25
**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) No Passes Fri 4:15-7:20-10:15 No Passes Sat-Wed 1:15-4:15-7:20-10:15 No Passes Thu 1:15-4:15-7:20
**An Education** (PG) Fri 3:55-7:05-9:40 Sat-Tue 1:10-3:55-7:05-9:40 Wed 3:55-6:55-9:40 Thu 1:10-3:55-7:05
**Everybody's Fine** (PG) Fri 4:30-7:30-10 Sat 7:30-10 Sun-Tue 1:45-4:30-7:30-10
**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri 3:20-6:40-9:45 No Passes Sat-Wed 12:15-3:20-6:40-9:45 No Passes Thu 12:15-3:20-6:40
**The Metropolitan Opera: Les Contes d'Hoffmann** (STC) Sat 1
**Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire** (14A) Fri 4:20-7:15-10:05 Sat-Tue 1:25-4:20-7:15-10:05 Wed 1:25-4:20-7:10-10:05 Thu 1:25-4:20-7:10
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri 3:40-6:50-9:30 Sat-Wed 12:30-3:40-6:50-9:30 Thu 12:30-3:40-6:50
**The Road** (14A) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:25 Sat 6:30-9:30 Sun-Tue 12:40-3:30-6:30-9:25
**Rocket Singh: Salesman of the Year** (PG) Fri 5-9 Sat 9 Sun-Wed 1-5-9 Thu 1-5
**The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker** (STC) Wed 1
**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Wed 12:40-3:30-6:30-9:25 No Passes Thu 12:40-3:30-6:30
**The Young Victoria** (PG) Fri 3:45-7-9:50 Sat-Wed 12:45-3:45-7-9:50 Thu 12:45-3:45-7

### EMPRESS WALK
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550

**2012** (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:50-6:50-10:30
**Armored** (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 8-10:10-11:59 Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 8-10:10
**Avatar** (STC) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 3-6:40-10:20
**Avatar 3D** (STC) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sat 1-10-3:50-4:50-7:30-8:30-11:15-11:55 Stadium Seating, No Passes Sun-Thu 1-10-3:50-4:50-7:30-8:30
**Brothers** (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2-10-5:20-7:50-10:15
**Disney's A Christmas Carol** (STC) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2-5:10-7:40-10
**Ninja Assassin** (18A) Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1:40-4:30-7:20-9:40-11:50 Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:20-9:40
**Old Dogs** (G) Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1:50-4:40-7:10-9:30-11:30 Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:10-9:30
**Planet 51** (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-4:10-7-9:50

### SILVERCITY YORKDALE 6
3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456

**2012** (14A) Fri-Tue 11:50-3:40-7:15
**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) No Passes Wed 11:30-1:50-4:30-6:55-9:40 No Passes Thu 11:30-1:50-4:30-6:55
**Armored** (14A) Fri-Tue 10:40
**Avatar 3D** (STC) No Passes Fri-Wed 11:30-2-3:10-6:15-7:10-10:45 No Passes Thu 11:30-2-3:10-6:15-7
**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-6:40
**Brothers** (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30 Mon 4:30-7:30 Tue 1:30-4:30-7:30
**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 No Passes Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20
**Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D** (STC) Fri-Wed 1:10-4-6:45-9:30 Thu 1:10-4-6:45
**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:10-3:15-6:30-9:45 No Passes Thu 12:10-3:15-6:30
**Ninja Assassin** (18A) Fri-Wed 3:30-9:50 Thu 3:30
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri-Wed 11:40-2:20-5:7:40-10:15 Thu 11:40-2:20-5:7:40
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Wed 12-3:20-6:50-10:05 Thu 12-3:20-6:50
**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Wed 1:30-4:10-7:30-10:30 No Passes Thu 1:30-4:10-7:30

### SILVERCITY FAIRVIEW
1800 Sheppard Ave. E., 416-644-7746

**2012** (14A) Fri 11:45-3:20-6:40-10:20 Sat 6:40-10:20 Sun-Tue 11:45-3:20-6:40-10:20
**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) No Passes Wed 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:50-10:20 No Passes Thu 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:50
**Avatar 3D** (STC) No Passes Fri-Wed 11:30-2-3:10-6:15-7:10-10:45 No Passes Thu 11:30-2-3:10-6:15-7
**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri-Tue 12:45-6:30
**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 1-4:30-7:20-10:15 No Passes Thu 1-4:30-7:20
**Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D** (STC) Fri-Wed 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:55 Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30
**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:10-3:30-6:50-10:05 No Passes Thu 12:10-3:30-6:50
**The Metropolitan Opera: Les Contes d'Hoffmann** (STC) Sat 1
**Ninja Assassin** (18A) Fri-Tue 3:45-9:40
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri-Wed 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:40-10:10 Thu 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:40
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Wed 12:30-4:15-7:10-10:30 Thu 12:30-4:15-7:10
**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Wed 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:40 No Passes Thu 12:45-3:45-6:40

## SCARBOROUGH

### COLISEUM SCARBOROUGH
300 Borough Dr., 416-290-5217

**2012** (14A) Fri-Thu 2:20-6:10
**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:12-55-2:30-3:55-5-6:55-7:30-9:30-10
**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:40-9:45
**Brothers** (14A) Fri-Tue 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:55
**Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D** (STC) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:20-6:50-9:30 Wed-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:50-9:25
**The Metropolitan Opera: Les Contes d'Hoffmann** (STC) Sat 1
**Ninja Assassin** (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
**Old Dogs** (G) Fri-Tue 1:05-3:30-7:20-9:40 Wed 4:05-7:20-9:40 Thu 1:05-3:30-7:20-9:40

This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

# Screen Times

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**Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire** (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:45-9:20 Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:05-9:50
**The Road** (14A) Fri 1:10-4:10-7:10:05 Sat 7-10:05 Sun-Tue 1:10-4:10-7:10:05
**The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker** (STC) Wed 1
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:7:10-10:20
**Vettaikaran** (STC) Fri 6:10-10:10 Sat-Thu 2-6:10-10:10

## EGLINTON TOWN CENTRE
1901 Eglinton Ave. E., 416-752-4494

**2012** (14A) Fri-Thu 11:50-3:30-7:15-10:45
**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 11:35-2:20-4:55-7:25-9:55
**Armored** (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:45-10:15
**Avatar 3D** (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-2-3:10-6:10-7:10-10:50
**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:40-6:30-9:40
**Brothers** (14A) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:20-6:55-9:35
**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:20
**Disney's A Christmas Carol** (STC) Fri 3:50-7:10-9:45 Sat 12:30-3:50-7:10-9:45 Sun 3:50-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:10-9:45
**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-3:15-6:20-9:30
**Ninja Assassin** (18A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:50-10:40
**Old Dogs** (G) Fri-Tue 12:20-3:45-6:40-9:10
**Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire** (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-4:10-7:30-10:30
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri-Thu 11:40-1:10-2:10-4:4:50-6:50-7:40-9:20-10:10
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:45-9:50
**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:20-3:45-7:05-10:05
**Vettaikaran** (STC) Fri-Thu 1-5-9

## 401 & MORNINGSIDE
785 Milner Ave., 416-281-2226

**2012** (14A) Fri-Wed 2:45-6:30-9:50 Thu 2:45-6:30
**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) No Passes Wed 11:50-2:15-4:30-6:50-9:15 No Passes Thu 11:50-2:15-4:30-6:50
**Armored** (14A) Fri-Tue 1:45-4:30-7:40-10:40
**Avatar** (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 2-6:15-10 No Passes Tue-Wed 2-6:15-10 No Passes Thu 2-6:15
**Avatar 3D** (STC) No Passes Fri-Wed 11:45-3:25-7:10:35 No Passes Thu 11:45-3:25-7
**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri-Tue 1-4-7:20-10:20 Wed 1-4-7:30-10:20 Thu 1-4-7:30
**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 1:30-4:15-6:45-9:30 No Passes Thu 1:30-4:15-6:45
**Disney's A Christmas Carol** (STC) Fri-Tue 1:15-4:40-7:10-9:40 Wed 1:45-4:45-7:10-9:40 Thu 1:45-4:45-7:10
**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:30-3:40-6:40-10:15 No Passes Wed 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:50 No Passes Thu 12:30-3:40-6:40
**Ninja Assassin** (18A) Fri-Tue 2:15-4:50-7:50-10:45
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri-Tue 12-2:30-5-7:30-10:10 Wed 12-2:30-5-7:40-10:10 Thu 12-2:30-5-7:35
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Wed 12:15-3:05-6-9 Thu 12:15-3:05-6
**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Wed 1:15-4:40-7:20-10:15 No Passes Thu 1:15-4:40-7:20

## KENNEDY COMMONS 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323

**3 Idiots** (STC) Special Engagement Wed-Thu 11-2:40-6:20-10
**Armored** (14A) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:15-4:25-6:35-8:45-10:55
**Avatar** (STC) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:30-12:45-2-4:15-5:30-7:45-9-11:15 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 12:45-2-4:15-5:30-7:45-9-11:15
**Avatar 3D** (STC) Special Engagement Fri-Thu 11:15-12-2:45-3:30-6:15-7-9:45-10:30
**Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans** (STC) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:55-5:45-8:25-11:10
**The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day** (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3-5:40-8:20-11
**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Thu 11:10-12:05-12:50-1:35-2:30-3:15-4-4:55-5:40-6:25-7:20-8:05-8:50-9:45-10:30-11:15
**An Education** (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:15-4:40-7-9:20
**Invictus** (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:05-1:15-2-4:10-4:55-7:05-7:50-10:10:45 Mon-Thu 11:05-1:15-2-4:10-4:55-7:05-7:50-10:10:45
**Kurbaan** (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:55-7:10-10:25
**Law Abiding Citizen** (18A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:15-5:50-8:25-11 Mon 12:40-3:15 Tue-Thu 12:40-3:15-5:50-8:25-11
**The Men Who Stare at Goats** (14A) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:05-4:20-6:35-8:50-11:05
**Red Cliff** (14A) Fri-Tue 1-4:10-7:20-10:35
**A Serious Man** (14A) Fri-Sun 10:35-1:05-3:35-6:05-8:35-11:05 Mon-Thu 1:05-3:35-6:05-8:35
**Up in the Air** (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:30-12:10-12:55-2:45-3:30-5:20-6:05-7:55-8:40-10:35-11:10 Mon-Thu 12:10-12:55-2:45-3:30-5:20-6:05-7:55-8:40-10:35-11:10

## WOODSIDE CINEMAS
1571 Sandhurst Circle, 416-299-3456

**3 Idiots** (STC) Wed-Thu 2:30-5-6-8:30-9:30
**De Dana Dan** (PG) Fri 4:45 Sat-Sun 6:15 Mon-Tue 4:45
**Paa** (PG) Fri 8:15 Sat-Sun 3:15-6:15 Mon-Tue 8:15
**Rocket Singh: Salesman of the Year** (PG) Fri 4:45-8 Sat-Sun 3-6-9 Mon-Tue 4:45-8 Wed-Thu 2:15

The Princess and the Frog is Disney's latest offering.

# PEEL REGION

## CINÉ STARZ
377 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E., 905-290-2401

**Amelia** (PG) Fri-Wed 1:40-3:35-7:25-9:20 Thu 1:40-3:35
**Astro Boy** (PG) Fri 12-2-3:45-5:30 Sat 12-1:45-3:20-4:55 Sun 12-1:55-3:35-5:15 Mon-Wed 12-2-3:45-5:30 Thu 12-1:45-4-5:40
**Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs** (STC) Fri-Thu 12-1:35-3:10-4:45-6:20
**Couples Retreat** (PG) Fri 1:45-5:25-7:20-9:15 Sat 1:55-3:50-5:45 Sun 12-2-9 Mon-Wed 1:45-5:25-7:20-9:15 Thu 2-6:25
**The Men Who Stare at Goats** (14A) Fri-Wed 7:55-9:30 Thu 5:40
**Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) Fri 12-3:40 Sat 12 Mon-Wed 12-3:40 Thu 12
**Whip It** (PG) Fri-Wed 12-5:30 Thu 12
**Whiteout** (14A) Fri 7:15-9 Sat 7:40-9:25 Sun-Wed 7:15-9

## COLISEUM 10
309 Rathburn Rd., 905-275-3456

**2012** (14A) Fri-Thu 2-6:20-10:30
**Armored** (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:50-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:50-10:35
**Avatar 3D** (STC) No Passes Fri 11:30-12-3-3:40-7-7:30-10:45-11:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:30-12-3:10-3:40-7-7:30-10:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 11:30-12-3:10-3:40-7-7:30-10:45
**Avatar: An IMAX 3D Experience** (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:20-3-6:30-10
**Brothers** (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-7:10-10:20
**Disney's A Christmas Carol** (STC) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:50-9:20
**Law Abiding Citizen** (18A) Fri 12:30-3:20-6:45-9:30 Sat 6:45-9:30 Sun-Tue 12:30-3:20-6:45-9:30 Wed 4-6:45-9:30 Thu 12:30-3:20-6:45-9:30
**The Metropolitan Opera** (STC) Sat 1
**Ninja Assassin** (18A) Fri-Thu 1:45-5:10-8:11
**Old Dogs** (G) Fri-Thu 11:40-2:10-5:7:40-10:10
**Planet 51** (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:40
**The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker** (STC) Wed 1
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:50
**Vettaikaran** (STC) Fri-Thu 1:50-6:10-10:15

## COURTNEY PARK 16
110 Courtney Park Dr., 905-362-1210

**2012** (14A) Fri-Sat 11:50-3:25-7:05-10:45 Sun 3:25-7:05-10:45 Mon-Thu 11:50-3:25-7:05-10:45
**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel**(G) Special Engagement Wed-Thu 10:45-11:30-1:20-2:10-3:55-4:50-6:30-7:25-9-9:55
**Armored** (14A) Fri-Thu 10:50-1:05-3:20-5:35-8-10:35
**Avatar** (STC) Special Engagement Fri-Thu 10:30-11:45-1-2:15-3:30-4:45-6-7:15-8:30-9:45-11
**Avatar 3D** (STC) Special Engagement Fri-Thu 11:15-3-6:45-10:30
**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri-Thu 10:40-1:40-4:40-7:40-10:50
**Brothers** (14A) Fri-Thu 11:40-2:30-5:15-7:55-10:35
**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Thu 11:1:50-4:30-7:20-10:05
**Disney's A Christmas Carol** (STC) Fri-Thu 10:55-1:25-3:50-6:15-8:45
**Invictus** (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:35-1:35-4:35-7:35-10:40 Mon-Thu 10:35-1:35-4:35-7:35-10:40
**Ninja Assassin** (18A) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:45-5:30-8:15-10:55
**Old Dogs** (G) Fri-Tue 10:45-1:10-3:35-6:05-8:20
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:05-1:45-4:20-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 11:05-1:45-4:20-7-9:30
**The Road** (14A) Fri-Tue 11:30-2:10-4:55-7:45-10:25
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Thu 10:35-1:35-4:35-7:35-10:40

## ORION GATE GRANDE
20 Biscayne Cr., 905-455-1590

**2012** (14A) Fri 6:25-10:10 Sat-Tue 1:20-6:25-10:10
**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) No Passes Wed 11:45-2:15-4:50-7:20-9:40 No Passes Thu 11:45-2:15-4:50-7:20
**Avatar** (STC) No Passes Fri 6:15-10 No Passes Sat-Wed 2-6:15-10 No Passes Thu 2-6:15
**Avatar 3D** (STC) No Passes Fri 3:10-7:10:45 No Passes Sat-Wed 11:30-3:10-7:10:45 No Passes Thu 11:30-3:10-7
**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri 3:40-6:35-9:35 Sat-Tue 12:30-3:40-6:35-9:35 Wed 12:25-3:20-6:30-9:35 Thu 12:25-3:20-6:30
**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) No Passes Fri 3:50-7:10-9:50 No Passes Sat-Wed 1-3:50-7:10-9:50 No Passes Thu 1-3:50-7:10
**Disney's A Christmas Carol** (STC) Fri 3:20-6:55-9:15 Sat-Tue 11:45-3:20-6:55-9:15 Wed 11:55-3:30-6:55-9:15 Thu 11:55-3:30-6:55
**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri 4:20-7:20-10:20 No Passes Sat-Tue 12:10-4:20-7:20-10:20 No Passes Wed 1:15-4:20-7:30-10:35 No Passes Thu 1:15-4:20-7:30
**Ninja Assassin** (18A) Fri 4:35-7:40-10:35 Sat-Tue 1:40-4:35-7:40-10:35
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri 3:30-6:45-9:25 Sat-Tue 12:20-3:30-6:45-9:25 Wed 12:10-2:55-6:45-9:25 Thu 12:10-2:55-6:45
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri 4:05-7:30-10:25 Sat-Tue 12:50-4:05-7:30-10:25 Wed 12:50-4:05-7:35-10:20 Thu 12:50-4:05-7:35
**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Wed 1:40-4:40-7:20-10:10 No Passes Thu 1:40-4:40-7:20

## SILVERCITY BRAMPTON
50 Great Lakes, 905-789-6797

**2012** (14A) Fri 3:20-7:05-10:50 Sat-Thu 11:40-3:20-7:05-10:50
**3 Idiots** (STC) Wed 12:50-10:15 Thu 12:50-4:50-9:10
**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel**(G) No Passes Wed-Thu 11:50-2:10-4:45-7:30-10
**Armored** (14A) Fri 4:50-7:45-10:20 Sat-Tue 1:40-4:50-7:45-10:20 Wed 4:40-7:45-10:20 Thu 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:20
**Avatar 3D** (STC) No Passes Fri 3:10-6:15-7:10-10:45 No Passes Sat-Thu 11:30-2-3:10-6:15-7:10-10:45
**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri 3:15-6:30-9:55 Sat-Tue 12-3:15-6:30-9:55 Wed-Thu 12-3:15-6:20-9:40
**Brothers** (14A) Fri 4-6:50-9:45 Sat 1:10-6:50-9:45 Sun-Tue 1:10-4-6:50-9:45
**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) No Passes Fri 3:50-6:40-9:40 No Passes Sat-Tue 12:40-3:50-6:40-9:40 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:35-9:25
**Disney's A Christmas Carol** (STC) Fri 4:25-7:15-10 Sat-Tue 1:30-4:25-7:15-10 Wed-Thu 1:10-3:55-6:45-9:35
**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-6:55-10:15 No Passes Sat-Tue 11:50-3:30-6:55-10:15 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:10-3:30-6:50-10:10
**The Metropolitan Opera: Les Contes d'Hoffmann** (STC) Sat 1
**Ninja Assassin** (18A) Fri 4:40-7:35-10:30 Sat-Tue 1:20-4:40-7:35-10:30 Wed-Thu 1:30-4:25-7:40-10:30
**Old Dogs** (G) Fri-Sat 3:45-6:20-9:20 Sun-Tue 12:30-3:45-6:20-9:20
**Planet 51** (PG) Fri 3-6:10-9:10 Sat-Tue 12:20-3-6:10-9:10
**Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire** (14A) Fri 3:35-6:35-9:30 Sat-Tue 12:10-3:35-6:35-9:30 Wed-Thu 12:20-3:35-6:30-9:20
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri 4:35-7:25-10:10 Sat-Tue 11:30-1:55-4:35-7:25-10:10 Wed-Thu 11:30-1:55-4:30-7:15-9:50
**Rocket Singh: Salesman of the Year** (PG) Fri 4:15-7:50 Sat-Tue 12:50-4:15-7:50 Wed-Thu 12:30-4:15-7:50
**The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker** (STC) Wed 1
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri 4:10-7:20-10:35 Sat-Thu 1-4:10-7:20-10:35
**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:15-4-6:55-9:55

## SILVERCITY MISSISSAUGA
3055 Vega Blvd., 905-569-3373

**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) No Passes Wed 12:1:30-2:40-4:20-5:15-6:45-7:50-9:20-10:15 No Passes Thu 12-1:30-2:40-4:20-5:15-6:45-7:50
**Armored** (14A) Fri-Wed 1:50-4:50-7:40-10:05 Thu 1:50-4:50-7:40
**Brothers** (14A) Fri-Wed 12:15-4:40-7:30-10:15 Thu 12:15-4:40-7:30
**Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D** (STC) Fri-Wed 1:40-4:30-7:20-9:50 Thu 1:40-4:30-7:20
**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:30-3:40-7-10:10 No Passes Thu 12:30-3:40-7
**Ninja Assassin** (18A) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:20-6:45-9:20
**Planet 51** (PG) Fri-Tue 12:45-3:30-6:30-9:10 Wed 6:30-9:10 Thu 12:45-3:30-6:30
**Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire** (14A) Fri-Wed 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:40 Thu 1:10-3:50-6:40
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri-Tue 12:1-2:40-4:5-6:50-7:50-9:30-10:20 Wed 1-4-6:50-9:30 Thu 1-4-6:50
**The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker** Wed 1
**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Fri-Wed 1:20-4:10-7:10-10 No Passes Thu 1:20-4:10-7:10

## SQUARE ONE
100 City Centre Dr., 905-275-2640

**3 Idiots** (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed 2:15-5:45-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 2:15-5:45
**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Wed 10:45-12:15-1-2:30-3:30-5:15-6:30-7:40-9:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Thu 10:45-12:15-1-2:30-3:30-5:15-6:30-7:40
**The Blind Side** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Wed 12:20-3:20-6:40-9:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 12:20-3:20-6:40
**De Dana Dan** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 2-5:15-9
**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Wed 12:45-3:45-7:10-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Thu 12:45-3:45-7:10
**Die Hard** (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 11:30
**Everybody's Fine** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:10-3:50-7:30-10:10
**Invictus** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Wed 12:30-3:40-6:45-9:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 12:30-3:40-6:45
**Paa** (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:45-5-8:30
**Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire** (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Wed 1:15-4:7-20-10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 1:15-4:7-20
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sat 12-1:30-2:45-4:15-5:30-7:8-9:30-10:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Sun-Wed 12-1:30-2:45-4:15-5:30-7:8-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Thu 12-1:30-2:45-4:15-5:30-7:8
**The Road** (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:20-4:10-7:40-10:15
**Up in the Air** (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:15-10:10

# NORTH

## 5 DRIVE-IN
2331 Ninth Line, 905-257-8272

**Armored** (14A) Fri-Sun 9:25 Tue 9:25
**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri-Sun 7:40 Tue 7:40
**Brothers** (14A) Fri-Sun 7:50 Tue 7:50
**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) Fri-Sun 7:30 Tue 7:30
**Law Abiding Citizen** (18A) Fri-Sun 9:45
**Ninja Assassin** (18A) Fri-Sun 10 Tue 10

## AURORA CINEMAS
15460 Bayview Ave., 905-841-1789

**2012** (14A) Fri-Tue 9:20
**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquell** (G) No Passes Wed 12:10-2:50-5:30-8:10-10:15 No Passes Thu 12:10-2:50-5:30-8
**Avatar** (STC) No Passes Fri 6-10 No Passes Sat-Tue 2-6-10 No Passes Wed 1-6-10 No Passes Thu 2-6:15
**Avatar 3D** (STC) No Passes Fri 3:10-7:10:45 No Passes Sat-Wed 11:30-3:10-7:10:45 No Passes Thu 11:30-3:10-7
**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri 3:50-7:10-10:20 Sat-Wed 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:20 Thu 12:30-3:50-7:10
**Brothers** (14A) Fri 3:20-6:30 Sat 6:30
**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) No Passes Fri 4-6:50-9:45 No Passes Sat-Wed 1-4-6:50-9:45 No Passes Thu 1-4-6:50
**Disney's A Christmas Carol** (STC) Fri 5:20-7:50-10:10 Sat-Wed 12-2:40-5:20-7:50-10:10 Thu 12-2:40-5:20-7:50
**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri 3:40-7:20-10:30 No Passes Sat-Wed 12:20-3:40-7:20-10:30 No Passes Thu 12:20-3:40-7:20
**The Metropolitan Opera: Les Contes d'Hoffmann** (STC) Sat 1
**Old Dogs** (G) Fri 4:10-6:40-9:30 Sat-Tue 1:20-4:10-6:40-9:30
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri 5-7:30-9:50 Sat-Wed 11:40-2:20-5-7:30-9:50 Thu 11:40-2:20-5-7:30
**The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker** (STC) Wed 1
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri 3-6:20-9:40 Sat-Tue 11:50-3-6:20-9:40 Wed 4:10-7:15-10:50 Thu 1:10-4:10-7:15
**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Wed 11:50-3-6:40-9:40 No Passes Thu 11:50-3-6:40

## COLOSSUS 19
3555 Hwy 7 West, 905-851-1001

**2012** (14A) Fri-Thu 2:45-6:40-10:25
**Avatar** (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 2-6:15-10:15
**Avatar 3D** (STC) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-12-3:10-3:40-7-7:30-10:45-11:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 11:30-12-3:10-3:40-7-7:30-10:45
**Avatar: An IMAX 3D Experience** (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:20-3-6:30-10
**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:50-10
**Couples Retreat** (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:20-9:20
**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) No Passes Fri 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 No Passes Sat 1:20-4:40-7:20-10:20 No Passes Sun-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
**Everybody's Fine** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3-6:10-9
**Fantastic Mr. Fox** (PG) Fri 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:10-9:30 Sat 4-7:10-9:30 Sun-Tue 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:10-9:30 Wed 4:30-7:10-9:30 Thu 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:10-9:30
**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-1:10-3:45-4:10-6:45-7:10-9:45-10:10
**Law Abiding Citizen** (18A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:50
**The Metropolitan Opera: Les Contes d'Hoffmann** (STC) Sat 1
**Old Dogs** (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:15-6:45-9:10
**Planet 51** (PG) Fri-Thu 11:40-2:10-4:45-7:15-9:40
**The Road** (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:40
**The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker** (STC) Wed 1
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:50
**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-2:10-4:30-5-7:25-8-10:30-11

## ELGIN MILLS 10
10909 Yonge St., 905-770-6998

**2012** (14A) Fri-Wed 12:50-4:10-8 Thu 12:50-4:10
**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) No Passes Wed 1-3:50-7-9:50 No Passes Thu 1-3:50
**Armored** (14A) Fri-Tue 1:10-4:20-7:20-10
**Avatar** (STC) No Passes Fri-Wed 12-4-7:50 No Passes Thu 12-4
**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri-Wed 12:20-3:20-6:20-9:20 Thu 12:20-3:20
**Brothers** (14A) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40
**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Wed 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Thu 12:45-3:45
**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:10-3:10-6:10-9:10 Wed 12:10-3:10-6:10-9:10 Thu 12:10-3:10
**Old Dogs** (G) Fri-Wed 1:20-4:30-7:30-10:10
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) No Passes Fri-Tue 1-3:50-7-9:50 Wed 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Thu 12:30-3:30
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Wed 1:10-4:20-7:20-10 Thu 1:10-4:20
**Up in the Air** (14A) Wed 1:40-3:40-6:40-9:40 Thu 1:40-3:40

## FIRST MARKHAM PLACE
3275 Hwy 7 E., 905-474-5101

**2012** (14A) Fri 3-6:20-10 Sat-Tue 11:40-3-6:20-10 Wed 11:40-3-6:20-10:20 Thu 11:40-3-6:20
**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) No Passes Wed 12-2:30-5:10-7:30-9:50 No Passes Thu 12-2:30-5:10-7:30
**Armored** (14A) Fri 4:45-7:40-10:20 Sat 7:40-10:20 Sun-Tue 2:15-4:45-7:40-10:20
**Avatar** (STC) No Passes Fri 3:10-7:10:45 No Passes Sat-Wed 11:30-3:10-7:10:45 No Passes Thu 11:30-3:10-7
**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri 3:20-6:30-9:40 Sat-Tue 12:3:20-6:30-9:40 Wed 11:50-3:20-6:30-9:40 Thu 11:50-3:20-6:30
**Brothers** (14A) Fri 5-7:50-10:40 Sat-Tue 1:50-4:45-7:50-10:40 Wed 4:20-7:50-10:30 Thu 1:50-4:20-7:50
**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) No Passes Fri 4-7:10-10:10 No Passes Sat-Tue 1:30-4-7:10-10:10 No Passes Wed 1:30-4-7:20-10:10 No Passes Thu 1:30-4-7:20
**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri 4:30-7:30-10:30 No Passes Sat-Tue 1:10-4:15-7:30-10:30 No Passes Wed 1:10-4:10-7:40-10:40 No Passes Thu 1:10-4:10-7:40
**The Metropolitan Opera: Les Contes d'Hoffmann** (STC) Sat 1
**Old Dogs** (G) Fri 4:15-7:20-9:30 Sat-Tue 12:15-2:30-5-7:20-9:30
**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri 3:45-6:50-9:20 Sat-Wed 12:50-3:45-6:50-9:20 Thu 12:50-3:45-6:50
**The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker** Wed 1
**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri 3:30-6:40-9:50 Sat-Tue 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:50 Wed 12:30-3:30-6:40-10 Thu 12:30-3:30-6:40
**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Wed 12:15-4:30-7:10-9:45 No Passes Thu 12:15-2:50-5:25-8

## INTERCHANGE 30
30 Interchange Way, 905-760-1911

**3 Idiots** (STC) Wed 1:45-5:30-9:10 Thu 1:45-5:30
**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) Wed 1:30-2-2:30-4-4:30-5-6:30-7:7:30-9-9:30-10 Thu 1:30-2-2:30-4-4:30-5-6:30-7:7:30
**Armored** (14A) Fri 1:45-2:45-3:55-5-6:15-7:15-8:45-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:30-12:30-1:45-2:45-3:55-5-6:15-7:15-8:45-9:45 Mon-Tue 1:45-2:45-3:55-5-6:15-7:15-8:45-9:45 Wed 12:30-2:45-5-7:15-9:45

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# Screen Times

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**Astro Boy** (PG) Fri 1:50-4:15-6:50-9:15 Sat-Sun 11:15-1:50-4:15-6:50-9:15 Mon-Wed 1:50-4:15-6:50-9:15 Thu 1:50-4:15-6:50

**Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans** (STC) Fri 1:40-4:20-7:05-9:55 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:40-4:20-7:05-9:55 Mon-Wed 1:40-4:20-7:05-9:55 Thu 1:40-4:20-7:05

**Big Fan** (STC) Fri 1:20-3:30-5:40-7:50-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:20-3:30-5:40-7:50-10:15 Mon-Tue 1:20-3:30-5:40-7:50-10:15

**The Box** (14A) Fri 2:10-4:55-7:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:10-4:55-7:30-10:05 Mon-Wed 2:10-4:55-7:30-10:05 Thu 2:10-4:55-7:30

**Brothers** (14A) Fri 1:30-2:15-4:45-6:45-7:25-9:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 11-11:45-1:30-2:15-4:45-6:45-7:25-9:30-10:05 Mon-Wed 1:30-2:15-4:45-6:45-7:25-9:30-10:05 Thu 1:30-2:15-4:45-7:25

**Capitalism: A Love Story** (PG) Fri 1:35-4:25-7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:35-4:25-7:10-9:55 Mon-Wed 1:35-4:25-7:10-9:55 Thu 1:35-4:25-7:10

**Coco Before Chanel** (PG) Fri 2-4:35-7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 11:10-2-4:35-7:05-9:40 Mon-Wed 2-4:35-7:05-9:40 Thu 2-4:35-7:05

**Disney's A Christmas Carol** (STC) Fri 3:45-6:15-8:45 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:10-3:45-6:15-8:45 Mon-Tue 3:45-6:15-8:45 Wed 1:10-3:45-6:15-8:45 Thu 1:10-3:45-6:15

**Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D** (STC) Fri 2-4:35-7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:35-2-4:35-7:15-9:45 Mon-Wed 2-4:35-7:15-9:45 Thu 2-4:35-7:15

**District 9** (14A) Fri 2:10-4:50-7:35-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:35-2:10-4:50-7:35-10:10 Mon-Tue 2:10-4:50-7:35-10:10

**An Education** (PG) Fri 2:05-4:45-7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:20-2:05-4:45-7:20-9:50 Mon-Wed 2:05-4:45-7:20-9:50 Thu 2:05-4:45-7:20

**The Fourth Kind** (14A) Fri 1:25-4:05-6:30-9:05 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:25-4:05-6:30-9:05 Mon-Wed 1:25-4:05-6:30-9:05 Thu 1:25-4:05-6:30

**The Hangover** (14A) Fri 2:25-5:05-7:35-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:25-5:05-7:35-9:50 Mon-Tue 2:25-5:05-7:35-9:50 Wed 12:05-2:25-5:05-7:35-9:50 Thu 12:05-2:25-5:05-7:35

**Inglourious Basterds** (14A) Fri 2:50-6-9:20 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:50-6-9:20 Mon-Wed 2:50-6-9:20 Thu 2:50-6

**The Invention of Lying** (PG) Fri 2:25-5:10-7:40-10 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:25-5:10-7:40-10 Mon-Tue 2:25-5:10-7:40-10 Wed 12:05-2:25-5:10-7:40-10 Thu 12:05-2:25-5:10-7:40

**Love Happens** (PG) Fri 1:35-4:10-6:55-9:30 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:35-4:10-6:55-9:30 Mon-Tue 1:35-4:10-6:55-9:30

**Ninja Assassin** (18A) Fri 1:50-2:40-4:20-5:15-6:40-7:45-9:10-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:20-12:15-1:50-2:40-4:20-5:15-6:40-7:45-9:10-10:10 Mon-Tue 1:50-2:40-4:20-5:15-6:40-7:45-9:10-10:10 Wed 12:15-1:50-2:40-4:20-5:15-6:40-7:45-9:10-10:10 Thu 12:15-1:50-2:40-4:20-5:15-6:40-7:45

**Pirate Radio** (14A) Fri 1:25-4:10-7:9:40 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:25-4:10-7-9:40 Mon 1:25-4:10 Tue-Wed 1:25-4:10-7-9:40 Thu 1:25-4:10-7

**Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire** (14A) Fri 1:30-2:30-4-5-6:30-7:30-9-10 Sat-Sun 11-11:45-1:30-2:30-4-5-6:30-7:30-9-10 Mon-Wed 1:30-2:30-4-5-6:30-7:30-9-10 Thu 1:30-2:30-4-5-6:30-7:30

**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri 1:45-2:45-4:15-5:15-6:45-7:45-9:15-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:15-12:15-1:45-2:45-4:15-5:15-6:45-7:45-9:15-10:15 Mon-Tue 1:45-2:45-4:15-5:15-6:45-7:45-9:15-10:15 Wed 12:15-1:45-2:45-4:15-5:15-6:45-7:45-9:15-10:15 Thu 12:15-1:45-2:45-4:15-5:15-6:45-7:45

**Red Cliff** (14A) Fri 3:10-6:20-9:35 Sat-Sun 11:55-3:10-6:20-9:35 Mon-Wed 3:10-6:20-9:35 Thu 3:10-6:20

**The Time Traveler's Wife** (PG) Fri 2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50 Mon-Wed 2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50 Thu 2:20-4:50-7:20

**Where the Wild Things Are** (PG) Fri 1:40-4:05-6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:40-4:05-6:50-9:25 Mon-Wed 1:40-4:05-6:50-9:25 Thu 1:40-4:05-6:50

**Zombieland** (14A) Fri 2:35-4:55-7:10-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:35-4:55-7:10-9:35 Mon-Tue 2:35-4:55-7:10-9:35 Wed 12:20-2:35-4:55-7:10-9:35 Thu 12:20-2:35-4:55-7:10

## PROMENADE MALL
1 Promenade Circle, 416-494-9371

**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) Wed-Thu 12:30-2:40-4:55-7:10-9:15

**Avatar** (STC) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:40

**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri-Tue 1:25-4:10-6:45-9:10

**Brothers** (14A) Fri-Tue 7:05-9:35

**Old Dogs** (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:25-5:20-7:25-9:25

**Planet 51** (PG) Fri-Tue 1:20-3:50

**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3-5:15-7:20-9:20

**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:30

**Up in the Air** (14A) Wed-Thu 1:20-4-6:50-9:20

## SILVERCITY NEWMARKET
18151 Yonge St., 905-953-2792

**2012** (14A) Fri 6:20-10:30 Sat-Tue 1:50-6:20-10:30 Wed 6:20-10:30 Thu 1:50-6:20

**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) No Passes Wed 12:10-2:35-4:55-7:45-10:15 No Passes Thu 12:10-2:35-4:55-7:45

**Armored** (14A) Fri 3:50-6:30-9:30 Sat 6:30-9:30 Sun-Tue 12:20-3:50-6:30-9:30

**Avatar 3D** (STC) No Passes Fri 3:10-6:15-7:10-10:45 No Passes Sat-Wed 11:30-2-3:10-6:15-7:10-10:45 No Passes Thu 11:30-2-3:10-6:15-7

**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:50 Sat-Wed 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:50 Thu 12:30-3:40-6:40

**Brothers** (14A) Fri 4:10-7:20-10:20 Sat-Wed 1-4:10-7:20-10:20 Thu 1-4:10-7:20

**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) No Passes Fri 4:30-7:50-11 No Passes Sat-Wed 1:30-4:30-7:50-11 No Passes Thu 1:30-4:30-7:50

**Disney's A Christmas Carol** (STC) Fri 5-7:30-10:10 Sat-Wed 11:50-2:20-5-7:30-10:10 Thu 11:50-2:20-5-7:30

**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri 4:20-7:40-10:55 No Passes Sat-Wed 1:10-4:20-7:40-10:55 No Passes Thu 1:15-4:20-7:40

**The Metropolitan Opera: Les Contes d'Hoffmann** (STC) Sat 1

**Old Dogs** (G) Fri 3:20-6:10-9:20 Sat-Wed 12:40-3:20-6:10-9:20 Thu 12:40-3:20-6:10

**Planet 51** (PG) Fri 4-6:50-9:10 Sat-Tue 1:15-4-6:50-9:10

**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri 4:40-7:10-9:40 Sat-Wed 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40 Thu 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:10

**The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker** (STC) Wed 1

**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri 5:10-8-10:50 Sat 2:30-5:10-8-10:50 Sun 2:20-5:10-8-10:50 Mon-Wed 2:30-5:10-8-10:50 Thu 2:30-5:10-8

**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Wed 1:15-4-6:50-9:30 No Passes Thu 1:15-4-6:50

## SILVERCITY RICHMOND HILL
8771 Yonge St., 905-709-3199

**2012** (14A) Fri 11:35-3:35-7:25-11 Sat 11:35-3-7:25-11 Sun-Thu 2:20-6:25-10:05

**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:35-10:10

**Armored** (14A) Fri 9:10 Sat 9:35 Sun-Tue 9:10

**Avatar 3D** (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-2-3:10-6:15-7:10-10:45

**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri 11:50-3-6:10-9:20 Sat 11:50-3:50-7:40-11 Sun-Tue 11:50-3-6:10-9:20 Wed-Thu 11:50-3-6-9:10

**Brothers** (14A) Fri-Tue 1:50-5-8-10:50 Wed 12:50-4:50-8-10:40 Thu 1:50-4:50-8-10:40

**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 1-4:7:10-10:10 No Passes Wed-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:30-10:15

**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:50

**Old Dogs** (G) Fri 12:45-3:40-6:25-8:50 Sat 6:25-8:50 Sun-Tue 12:45-3:40-6:25-8:50 Wed 3:40-6:25-9:20 Thu 12:50-3:40-6:25-9:20

**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri-Tue 11:40-2:10-4:45-7:20-10:05 Wed-Thu 11:40-2:10-4:45-7:20-9:55

**The Road** (14A) Fri 12-2:50-6 Sat 6:30 Sun-Tue 12-2:50-6

**The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker** (STC) Wed 1

**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri 12:20-3:15-6:30-9:30 Sat-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:30-9:30

**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 1-4-7:10-10:25

**The Young Victoria** (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-6:50-9:40

## HALTON

## GALAXY CINEMAS MILTON
1175 Maple Ave., 905-864-1666

**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) No Passes Wed 11:45-2:15-4:40-7:10-9:40 No Passes Thu 11:45-2:15-4:40-7:10

**Avatar 3D** (STC) No Passes Fri 6:50-10:30 No Passes Sat-Wed 11:30-3:10-6:50-10:30 No Passes Thu 11:30-3:10-6:50

**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Tue 12-3:30-6:30-9:30 Wed 3:50-6:30-9:30 Thu 12-3:30-6:30

**Brothers** (14A) Fri-Tue 7:10-9:50

**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) No Passes Fri 7:20-10 No Passes Sat-Wed 1:10-4-7:20-10 No Passes Thu 1:10-4-7:20

**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri 6:40-9:45 No Passes Sat-Wed 12:20-3:25-6:40-9:45 No Passes Thu 12:20-3:25-6:40

**The Metropolitan Opera: Les Contes d'Hoffmann** (STC) Sat 1

**Planet 51** (PG) Sat 12:15 Sun-Tue 12:15-3:20

**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri 6:45-9:20 Sat-Wed 12:40-4:20-6:45-9:20 Thu 12:40-4:20-6:45

**The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker** (STC) Wed 1

**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri 7:15-10:15 Sat 3:45-7:15-10:15 Sun-Wed 12:30-3:45-7:15-10:15 Thu 12:30-3:45-7:15

**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Wed 12:55-3:50-7-9:35 No Passes Thu 12:55-3:50-7

## SILVERCITY BURLINGTON 8
1250 Brant St., 416-646-0444

**2012** (14A) Fri 12:40-4:05-8 Sat 12:40-8 Sun-Tue 12:40-4:05-8

**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) No Passes Wed 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:50 No Passes Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30

**Avatar** (STC) No Passes Fri-Wed 12-4-8 No Passes Thu 12-4

**Avatar 3D** (STC) No Passes Fri-Wed 11:30-3:10-7:10-40 No Passes Thu 11:30-3:10-7

**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri-Wed 12:50-3:50-7:10 Thu 12:50-3:50-7

**Brothers** (14A) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15 Wed 4:30-7:30-10:15 Thu 4:30-7:30

**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 No Passes Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20

**Disney's A Christmas Carol** (STC) Fri-Wed 12:45-3:40-6:50-9:10 Thu 12:45-3:40-6:50

**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 1-4-7:10-10:20 No Passes Thu 1-4-7:10

**The Metropolitan Opera: Les Contes d'Hoffmann** (STC) Sat 1

**Old Dogs** (G) Fri-Wed 1:15-4:15-7:15-9:50 Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15

**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri-Wed 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:30 Thu 12:30-3:30-6:45

**The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker** (STC) Wed 1

**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Wed 1-4-7:05-10:10 Thu 1-4-7:05

**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Wed 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:30 No Passes Thu 1:10-4:10-7:20

## SILVERCITY OAKVILLE
3531 Wyecroft Road, 905 827-7173

**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) No Passes Wed 12-2:30-5-7:40-9:55 No Passes Thu 12-2:30-5-7:40

**Avatar** (STC) No Passes Fri-Wed 11:30-3-6:40-10:30 No Passes Thu 11:30-3-6:40

**Avatar 3D** (STC) No Passes Fri-Wed 11:30-3:10-7:10:40 No Passes Thu 11:30-3:10-7

**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri-Wed 12:30-3:50-6:50-9:50 Thu 12:30-3:50-6:50

**Brothers** (14A) Fri 12:40-3:30-6:40-10 Sat 6:40-10 Sun-Tue 12:40-3:30-6:40-10

**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Wed 11:45-12:30-2:15-3:05-4:50-5:35-7:20-8:05-9:50-10:40 Special Engagement Thu 11:45-12:30-2:15-3:05-4:50-5:35-7:20-8:05-9:50

**An Education** (PG) Fri-Thu 11:15-1:45-4:20-7-9:25

**Fantastic Mr. Fox** (PG) Fri 1-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10 Sat-Sun 10:50-1-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10 Mon-Thu 1-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10

**Law Abiding Citizen** (18A) Fri-Wed 11:30-5:05-10:35 Thu 11:30-5:05

**Old Dogs** (G) Fri 12:45-3-5:15-7:45-10 Sat-Sun 10:30-12:45-3-5:15-7:45-10 Mon-Thu 12:45-3-5:15-7:45-10

**Paa** (PG) Sub-Titled Fri-Wed 1:15-4:20-7:25-10:25 Sub-Titled Thu 1:15-4:20-7:25

**Pirate Radio** (14A) Fri-Tue 11:20-2-4:45-7:30-10:15

**The Road** (14A) Fri-Thu 11:35-2:10-4:55-7:35-10:15

**Rocket Singh: Salesman of the Year** (PG) Sub-Titled Fri-Thu 11-2:25-5:50-9:30

**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Wed 11:10-1:20-2:05-4:15-5:7:15-8:10:10-11 Thu 11:10-1:20-2:05-4:15-5:7:15-8-10:10

**The Young Victoria** (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Thu 11:25-1:55-4:35-7:10-9:45

## DURHAM

## AJAX
248 Kingston Rd. E, 905-426-7772

**2012** (14A) Fri 6:20-9:45 Sat-Tue 2-6:20-9:45

**Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel** (G) No Passes Wed 12:30-2:50-5:05-7:30-9:50 No Passes Thu 12:30-2:50-7

**Avatar** (STC) No Passes Fri 7:10:35 No Passes Sat-Wed 11:45-3:25-7:10:35 No Passes Thu 2:30-6:30

**The Blind Side** (PG) Fri 6:50-9:55 Sat-Wed 12:45-3:45-6:50-9:55 Thu 12:45-3:45-6:50

**Brothers** (14A) Fri 7:15-10:15 Sat-Tue 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Wed 7:15-10:15 Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15

**Did You Hear About the Morgans?** (PG) No Passes Fri 7:20-10:05 No Passes Sat-Wed 12:15-3-7:20-10:05 No Passes Thu 12:15-3-7:20

**Disney's A Christmas Carol** (STC) Fri 6:45-9:30 Sat-Tue 12:30-3:20-6:45-9:30 Wed 1-3:40-7:05-9:25 Thu 1-3:40-7:05

**Invictus** (PG) No Passes Fri 7:10-10:10 No Passes Sat-Wed 12:50-4-7:10-10:10 No Passes Thu 12:50-4-7:10

**The Metropolitan Opera: Les Contes d'Hoffmann** (STC) Sat 1

**Old Dogs** (G) Fri-Sat 7:05-9:25 Sun-Tue 1-3:40-7:05-9:25

**The Princess and the Frog** (G) Fri 6:55-9:35 Sat-Wed 12-2:45-6:55-9:35 Thu 12-2:45-6:55

**The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker** (STC) Wed 1

**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri 6:40-9:40 Sat-Wed 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:40 Thu 12:20-3:30-6:40

**Up in the Air** (14A) No Passes Wed 12:10-3:10-6:45-10 No Passes Thu 12:10-3:10-6:45

## WINSTON CHURCHILL
2081 Winston Park Dr., Oakville, 905-829-2009

**2012** (14A) Fri-Sun 12-1-3:30-4:30-7:05-8-10:30-11:30 Mon-Wed 12-1-3:30-4:30-7:05-8-10:30 Thu 12-1-3:30-4:30-7:05-8

**3 Idiots** (STC) Sub-Titled Wed-Thu 1:40-5:25-9:15

**Avatar** (STC) Special Engagement Fri 10:45-12-1:15-2-2:30-3:45-5-5:45-6:15-7:30-8:45-9:30-10-11:15-12:30 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 9:30-10:15-10:45-12-1:15-2-2:30-3:45-5-5:45-6:15-7:30-8:45-9:30-10-11:15-12:30 Special Engagement Mon-Wed 10:45-12-1:15-2-2:30-3:45-5-5:45-6:15-7:30-8:45-9:30-10-11:15 Special Engagement Thu 10:45-12-1:15-2-2:30-3:45-5-5:45-6:15-7:30-8:45-9:30-10

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**Paa** (PG) Sub-Titled Fri-Wed 1:15-4:20-7:25-10:25 Sub-Titled Thu 1:15-4:20-7:25

**Pirate Radio** (14A) Fri-Tue 11:20-2-4:45-7:30-10:15

**The Road** (14A) Fri-Thu 11:35-2:10-4:55-7:35-10:15

**Rocket Singh: Salesman of the Year** (PG) Sub-Titled Fri-Thu 11-2:25-5:50-9:30

**The Twilight Saga: New Moon** (PG) Fri-Wed 11:10-1:20-2:05-4:15-5:7:15-8:10:10-11 Thu 11:10-1:20-2:05-4:15-5:7:15-8-10:10

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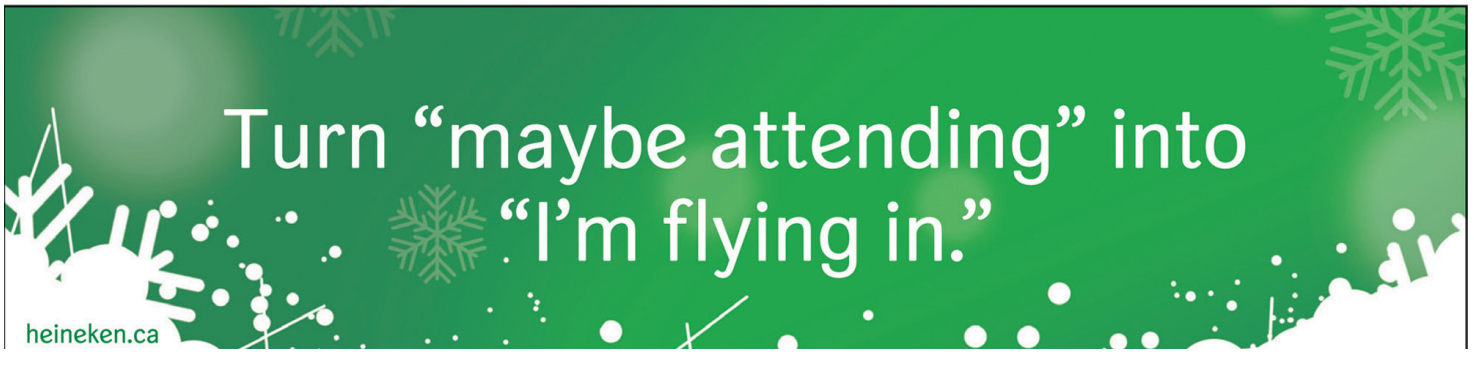

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## Music

# Platinum Blonde joins music hall

**BAND** The '80s pop band Platinum Blonde is being inducted into the Canadian Music and Broadcast Industry Hall of Fame.

Known for such melodic new wave hits as Standing In The Dark, Crying Over You and It Doesn't Really Matter, the band will be recognized at a luncheon March 12, 2010 in Toronto during Canadian Music Week.

Vocalist Mark Holmes, drummer Chris Steffler and guitarist Sergio Galli broke onto the music scene in 1982 with catchy singles, big blond hair and glam-rock style.

Keyboardist Kenny MacLean joined the band in 1985, roughly four years before they would split up.

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# Orianthi and the King of Pop

## Guitarist was hired to back Michael Jackson on This Is it comeback

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

**Rock guitarist Orianthi Panagaris has just released her sophomore full-length Believe.**

While the album gleans respect thanks to Panagaris' prodigiousness and a notable history with highlights such as performing alongside fellow fret board gurus Carlos Santana, Eric Clapton and Steve Vai (not to mention backing Prince and Carrie Underwood during her recent Grammy Awards performance), the Australian-born/Greek-bred instrumentalist has an even greater credit to her name.

Panagaris was the guitarist for the late Michael Jackson on his unrealized This Is It string of comeback concerts. So despite the thrill of seeing her own talent gain accolades, the dextrous dame understands why people feel more inclined to discuss her brief tenure as six-string samurai for the King of Pop.

"I was shocked when it happened," she reflects with a hint of melancholy. "I went to try out for the band playing the solo for Beat It. I didn't know what to expect but he was so happy with the way I played, he hired me on the spot. I couldn't believe it."

Orianthi Panagaris was the guitarist for Michael Jackson on his unrealized This Is It comeback.

Over the course of the ensuing three months, Panagaris (who typically utilizes her first name) and the rest of the This Is It band routinely rehearsed with Jackson and his troupe, creating a purportedly dazzling return to form for the disparaged King.

Yet, as we all know, mere weeks before the show was to go on, Jackson passed away. Reflecting, Panagaris reveals that Jackson's essence captured her so deeply, she feels little remorse at not getting to strut her stuff for the string of 50 sold-out gigs.

"We didn't get to do the shows but we got the chance to play music with him for three months," she smiles. "He was so giving to all of us. He wanted us all to have our moment and put everything he had into it. He was happy and enthusiastic about it."

"People say he didn't want to do it but you can tell with (the This Is It film) how much he really did. We're never gonna get to play with him again but we got to see how wonderful he was as person and an artist. We were also the last people to be around him. We'll never forget that. It's life-changing."

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Orianthi Panagaris

Such an astounding experience is also the reason Panagaris forgives minds for inquiring more about her time with Jackson than her new record. She expects it, she laughs, noting that overall, she is merely thankful to have been part of such a historical moment.

"It doesn't bother me at all that people ask about my time with MJ more than Believe. I understand that. (The album) was done before I was hired. I have a great band that knew how working with MJ was a dream come true. I don't think it hindered it at all. I'm grateful to have been a part of (This Is It) and now I'm focusing on this."

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# Music that made a difference

## The ten best albums from the last ten years

SoundCheck

With two weeks left in The Decade with No Name — Seriously. what will the people of the future call the first decade of the 21st century? Did we ever come up with a name for the years between 1900 and 1909? — 'tis time for the compiling of "best of" lists. Here are my picks for the ten best from the last ten years in order of release date.

**Agaetis Byrjun, Sigur Ros (Early 2000):** OK, so it was actually released in 1999, but it wasn't until Y2K safely passed that people began to embrace its sublime mellowness. Buy one now. Iceland needs your hard currency.

**Kid A, Radiohead (Oct. 2, 2001):** Under pressure to follow up 1997's OK Computer, Radiohead deconstructed itself in order to assemble an astonishingly smooth record that doesn't sound like it was made by a rock band.

**White Blood Cells, The White Stripes (July 3, 2001):** No bass player? Brother and sister or ex-husband-and-wife? Didn't matter. She was the mute timekeeper and Jack White was quietly announcing that this was going to be his decade.

**This Is It, The Strokes (Sept 25, 2001):** Yes, several of the Strokes were trust-fund private school kids, but that certainly didn't stop them from making a street smart record that really kicked off the decade's fascination with indie rock.

Coldplay, above, and The Strokes, right, delivered two of the last decade's best albums.

**Songs for the Deaf, Queens of the Stone Age (Aug. 27, 2002):** Josh Homme out front, Dave Grohl on drums. In retrospect, the ancestor of Them Crooked Vultures.

**A Rush of Blood to the Head, Coldplay (April 1, 2003):** Parachutes was a fine record, but it certainly didn't hint towards the superstardom that would come rushing in with the next album.

**Elephant, White Stripes (April 1, 2003):** Seven Nation Army and the Hardest Button to Button cemented Jack White's rep as the guitar god of the '00s.

**American Idiot, Green Day (Sept. 21, 2004):** Aging punk rockers mount comeback with a punk rock opera. Didn't see that coming.

**Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not/Arctic Monkeys (Feb. 21, 2006):** They went from getting guitars for Christmas to the biggest new band in the U.K. in just a couple of years. And Alex Turner has become one of the decade's best lyricists.

**In Rainbow/Radiohead (Oct. 10, 2007):** Ask people to pay what they think the album is worth? Good luck with that.

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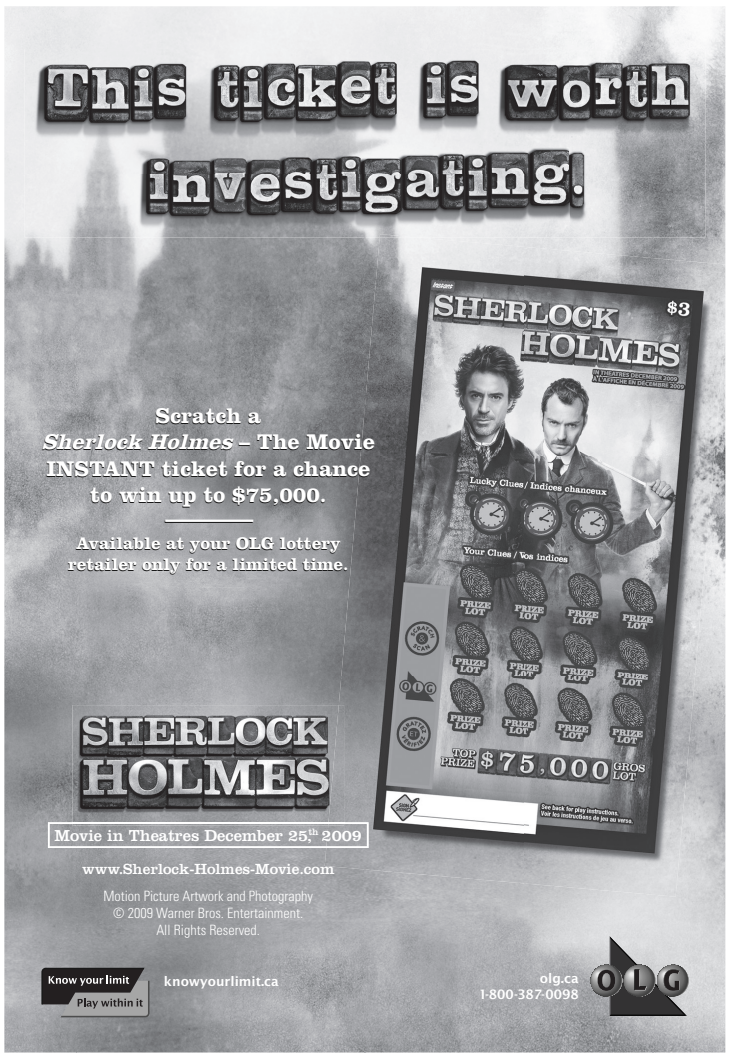


## Weekend Concert Picks

**Matthew Good w/Mother Mother**
**Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.**
**Massey Hall**
The singer-songwriter makes a two-night Toronto stop in support of his latest album Vancouver, a candid ode to his hometown set to orchestral, swelling chords. Never one for the phoniness, expect Good to wax and warble about the side of the Left Coast's supposed Xanadu that Olympic organizers don't want you to see.

Matthew Good plays Massey Hall Friday and Saturday.

**White Cowbell Oklahoma**
**Friday, 8 p.m.**
**Lee's Palace**
Ever seen a man play a keyboard with his genitals? You may if you hit this 10th anniversary show. These local yokels of Southern rock trade in shock, awe and sex with songs like Put The South In Your Mouth and Happy Ending. Scantily clad stage dancers make their sets easier on the eye as well. You won't die of boredom, that's for sure.

**Spiral Beach**
**Saturday, 8 p.m.**
**The Garrison**
These local indie-poppers have returned home from a European tour and impress all the right music snobs with their raucous and innovative live shows. Fronted by keyboardist and singer Maddy Wilde (daughter of musical comedienne Nancy White), Spiral Beach connotes fun lady-led bands, like Blondie, X-Ray Spex or No Doubt.

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**The Beautiful Life back from the dead**

Ashton Kutcher's canceled CW drama, The Beautiful Life: TBL, will live again — on YouTube. Citing fan requests, Kutcher put all five episodes on YouTube on Thursday. TVGUIDE.COM

## Television

# TV set decorators get into the festive spirit

**Imagine if your holiday decorations were going to be seen by millions of people. That's the challenge for many TV-show set decorators as all the Christmas-themed episodes roll around.**

"Decorations should be what's appropriate for the characters and story," says Hannah Montana set decorator Wendy Fine. "You don't put things outrageous that shouldn't be outrageous. If all they're talking about is the set, the sets were overdone or the actors were really bad."

Like other television show set decorators, she scoured stores and online sites for Christmas trinkets, knickknacks and decorations months before the actual holiday. Most holiday episodes are filmed in the summer and air in late fall.

Mad Men set decorator Amy Wells didn't grow up celebrating Christmas, but "the moment I got out of my parents' house, I got a lot of vintage Christmas decorations," she said. "I had a box full of stuff. Old mercury-style bowls in light frosty pink and light frosty aqua."

Wells put those vintage finds to good use on the AMC show, set in the early 1960s at fictional New York advertising firm Sterling Cooper. Season three's Mad Men finale, which aired Nov. 8, featured everything from a classic Christmas wreath to a fake tree in the office. Each secretary desk at Sterling Cooper had some kind of decoration, including holiday candy bowls, holiday candy, china Santas and candy canes.

Authenticity, for Wells, is paramount.

"We make it look like the art department didn't come in. We make it look like it's real," Wells said. "The decoration was authentic decoration from that day."

"What was available to people back then was much more limited. There were no twinkle lights," Wells said.

For Hannah Montana, Fine was asked to find traditional Christmas decorations such as strung-up cards and a red-ribboned wreath for the Disney show's season three holiday episode.

The set included the California house that teenager Miley Stewart's family moved into from Tennessee.

"The decorations in the house were supposed to be things they may have brought from Tennessee, like traditional Christmas lights," said Fine. "There was nothing very designer about it. It was homey." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Miley Cyrus on the set of Hannah Montana

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# A TV show is no longer just a TV show — it's music and more

TELEVISION These days, programming for the tube is a multi-platform endeavour, encompassing online, gaming, music, DVDs, toys and tours in a bid to keep budgets in the black and eyeballs glued to the small screen.

From Heroes to Lost, High School Musical to Glee, recent experiments are pointing to radical shifts in the way stories are told and the way viewers consume them, with observers predicting bold changes to the TV business as it emerges from a decade of fragmented audiences and dwindling advertising revenues.

"Over the next 10 years, literally what we consider traditional ways of telling stories are going to completely fall apart," predicts Peter Vamos of the Banff World Television Festival.

"If it's a good story, it's a good story and if it entertains you and you're not going to have to fit these things within certain types of story arcs — there can be any number of different ways of doing this sort of stuff."

"There will be a fairly dramatic shift soon, even for content that's established in Canada," adds Jeff Gomez, head of the New York-based digital production company Starlight Runner Entertainment. "There'll be more and more of this kind of cross-platform implementation."

What they're talking about is a phenomenon known as transmedia, in which a story might start on television, evolve online in a new direction and then shift again to take shape as a novel.

Mediawire CEO Ned Sherman points to Heroes as a prime example of the transmedia phenomenon, noting it's generated hundreds of millions of dollars in additional revenue for NBC Universal through things including online content, magazines, action figures, interactive websites, graphic novels and webisodes.

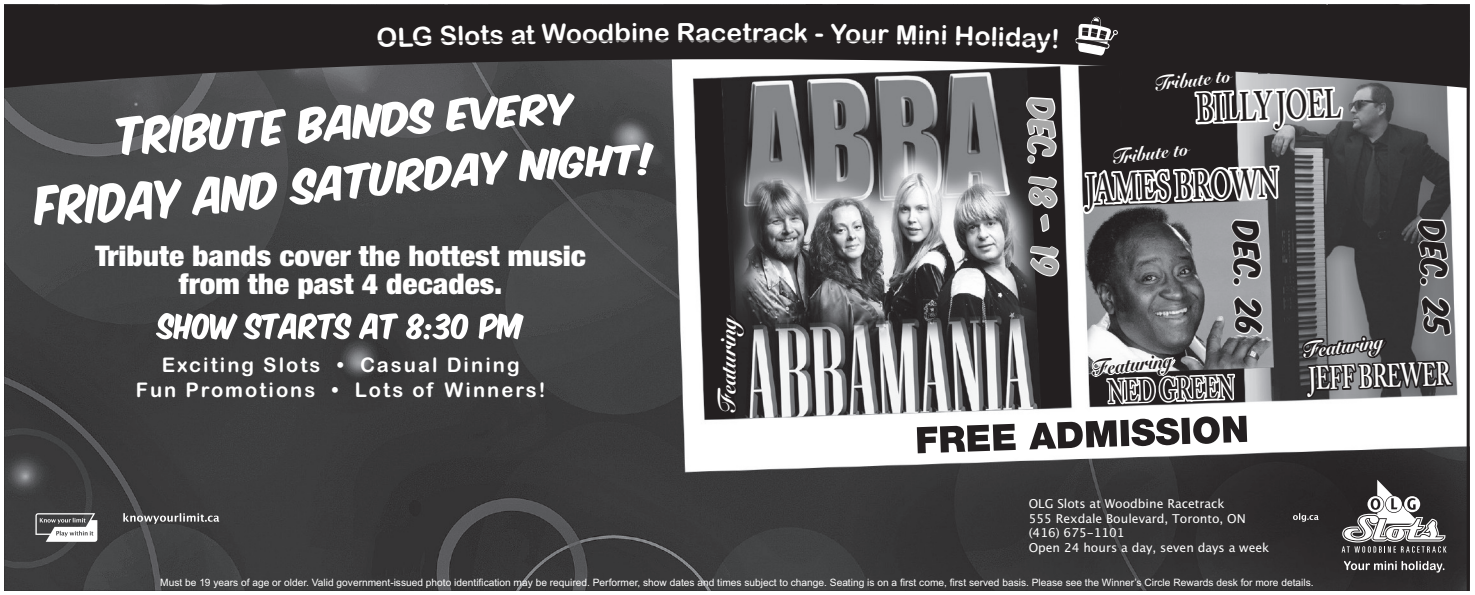
"Every sign is that network television is on the decline and cable continues to do well," notes Sherman.

Canadian TV production is poised to see an influx of such interactive initiatives with the merging of the Canadian Television Fund and the Canada New Media Fund into the Canada Media Fund, set to launch in April 2010.

The new fund will require applicants to make their projects available on at least two platforms, one of which must be television. Projects produced in high definition will be favoured.

"We have a generation of kids who are getting older now, they're headed toward puberty and all they've ever known is the Internet, and so all they've ever known is the validation that is derived from self-expression through two-way communication through the Internet," says Gomez. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Heroes offers fans more with graphic novels and online content.



**Gilmore Girls are back**
It's a Gilmore Girls mother-daughter reunion on NBC. Gilmore matriarch Kelly Bishop has booked a multi-episode arc on Mercy. Bishop's TV offspring, Lauren Graham, is also starring on a Peacock drama, Parenthood. EW.COM



# Real Housewives struggle with money woes

**Peculiar things have been happening this season on The Real Housewives of Orange County.**

Gretchen Rossi had a garage sale, Jeana Keough went shopping with her daughter at H&M and Tamra Barney is now doing her own housework.

What?

This is a dramatic turn from season three, when Barney's husband gave her a diamond Rolex for her 40th birthday, Vicky Gunvalson debated over buying a yacht (she decided against it) and Rossi's fiance gave her a Harley.

"All of them have been very much affected by the economic situation," explains the show's executive producer, Douglas Ross.

This means the downsizing we're seeing on camera is not just for show. A number of the cast members were involved in real estate that's been on a downslide the past two years.

And this season, we'll see Lynne Curtin's family get evicted from their Laguna Beach home.

"We try to treat it as gently but as honestly as we can," Ross says. "We happened to have been there with our cameras ... as part of our normal schedule when they were served the eviction notice. It's one of those great reality TV moments that happened to be caught because we were in the right place at the right time."

Money is a sensitive subject and some people — even reality TV stars — may not want to expose their financial struggles to millions of people. But the housewives don't seem to mind sharing — they even fancy themselves as an inspiration to others in similar situations.

"It helps people across the nation because they realize it's not just them," says Keough.

Barney says the exposure is just her being honest.

"I'm pretty open ... There's not too much I'll hide. It was difficult for my husband ... but the world's in this place right now and I think people are going to relate to it," she says.

The Real Housewives of Orange County

So far it looks like Barney is right. Ratings for the fifth season have been strong and average about two million viewers an episode.

**"It helps people across the nation because they realize it's not just them."**
Jeana Keough

This could partly be due to the popularity of the Real Housewives franchise in general, which has taken off thanks to over-the-top versions of wig-pulling and table flipping. Their actions make viewers ask, "Are they for real?"

Perhaps this season we're finally getting the answer: Yes, they are.

While The Real Housewives are compensated for appearing on the show, Keough says it's not enough to support a family.

"It's so minimal. It's not enough to make your house payments. It's more like a location fee to keep your house clean."

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# Sherlock Holmes memorabilia stockpiled in Minnesota

**COLLECTION** Deep in an underground cavern at the University of Minnesota lies the world's largest collection of Holmes memorabilia — a cache sure to expand with material from the new Sherlock Holmes movie starring Robert Downey Jr..

To many, it's a mystery how this trove of tens of thousands of books, toys, games, posters and recordings — from copies of the Holmes stories owned by the last empress of Russia to an original manuscript page of The Hound of the Baskervilles — ended up at a Midwestern university, half a world away from the foggy London streets of Holmes.

The answer is elementary, according to Tim Johnson, curator of special collections and rare books at the University of Minnesota Libraries: A "happy series of accidents" involving a retired university librarian, a Nobel Prize laureate and a Holmes fan who took a "vacuum cleaner" approach to collecting.

"People think the Holmes collection ought to be in London. So it's 'Why Minnesota?' And it's really just this series of happy events that occurred over time," Johnson says.

Sherlock Holmes, already out in Britain, is being released Christmas Day in the U.S. Directed by Guy Ritchie, the film stars Downey as a man-of-action Holmes unravelling a nefarious plot by Lord Blackwood in Victorian England.

**"People think the Holmes collection ought to be in London. So it's 'Why Minnesota?'"**
Curator Tim Johnson

The Holmes collection in Minnesota has between 15,000 and 16,000 volumes, and other pieces bring the archive to 60,000 or more, Johnson said. They are kept in a cavern, fitted out for storage, about 85 feet below ground at the Elmer L. Andersen Library, where temperatures and humidity are controlled.

On metal shelves sit memorabilia including magnifying glasses, an ice cream carton with a cartoon cow wearing Holmes' iconic deerstalker cap, a Muppet character from Sesame Street.

Other major Holmes or Doyle archives are at Harvard University, the Toronto Public Library and Portsmouth, England.

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| 12/18/09 primetime | 265 | 353 | 2 | TVO | Paradise Found: Islamic Art | | Agenda With Steve Paikin | | Heartbeat (N) | | Allan Gregg | Film 101 (N) | Agenda |
| | 211 | 331 | 3 | GTV | ET Canada | Entertainment | Dollhouse Echo is sent into her worst nightmare. | | | | NUMB3RS "First Law" | | News Final |
| | 215 | 343 | 4 | OMN1 | Two Men | The Office | Omni News: Italian Edition | | Vivere V | Omni News: | Law Order: CI | | Metropia |
| | 210 | 302 | 6 | CBC | Wheel | Jeopardy! (N) | *Home Alone* ★★★ (1990, Comedy), Joe Pesci | | | | CBC News: The National (N) | | The Hour |
| | 214 | 344 | 7 | CITY | Little Spirit: Christmas | | Supernanny (N) | | Man Tracker (DVS) | | The Jay Leno Show | | News |
| | 212 | 313 | 8 | CTV | etalk | Access H. | *Playing for Keeps* (2009, Docudrama), Doug Savant | | | | Michael Bublé | | CTV News |
| | 218 | 345 | 11 | CHCH | *A Christmas Carol* ★★ (1984, Fantasy) George C. Scott. | | | | *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure* ★★★ (1989, Comedy) | | | | News at 11 |
| | - | 387 | 16 | CBS | Inside Edition | Access H. | Frosty | Frosty | (9:01) Medium | | (10:01) NUMB3RS | | News 4 at 11 |
| | - | 385 | 17 | NBC | The Insider | Entertainment | Law & Order "Zero" | | Dateline NBC (N) | | The Jay Leno Show | | News |
| | - | 386 | 18 | ABC | Wheel | Jeopardy! (N) | Supernanny (N) | | 20/20 (HDTV) | | 20/20 (HDTV) | | News |
| | 219 | 346 | 20 | ACH-B | Degrassi | TMZ (N) | The Carol Project | | At the Concert Hall | | Stargate Atlantis | | A News |
| | - | - | 28 | FOX | Judge Judy | Two Men | Dollhouse Echo is sent into her worst nightmare. | | | | Seinfeld | Two Men | Simpsons |
| | - | 388 | 61 | PBS | NewsHour | Summer Wine | Magic Moments: The Best of 50's Pop | | | | European Ins. | Wash. Week | Business Rpt. |
| news | 500 | 500 | 33 | CNN | CNN Tonight (N) | | Campbell Brown (N) | | Larry King Live (N) | | Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) | | |
| sports | 405 | 417 | 22 | net | Skiing: Giant Slalom | | Boxing Jelena Mrdjenovich vs. Ann Saccurato. | | | | Sportsnet Connected | | Hockey |
| | 400 | 400 | 30 | TSN | Hockey | NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs at Buffalo Sabres. (HDTV) (Live) | | | | | NHL Hockey: Capitals at Canucks | | |
| family | 551 | 542 | 25 | YTV | *Unaccompanied Minors* ★★ (2006, Comedy) | | | | Funniest Home Videos | | That's-Weird | Sorry | Adrenaline |
| | 554 | 544 | 45 | TEL | Batman | Wolverine | Justice | Justice | Futurama | King of Hill | *Renaissance* ★★ (2006, Action) | | |
| | 556 | 540 | 51 | FAM | Sonny | *The Ultimate Christmas Present* | | | (9:05) *A Dog of Flanders* (1999) | | | (10:45) *Spymate* (2003) | |
| cable variety | 615 | 520 | 31 | A&E | Criminal Minds | | Criminal Minds | | Criminal Minds | | Criminal Minds | | CSI: Miami |
| | 575 | 583 | 38 | CMT | Cross Canada Countdown | | Totally | The Show (N) | Faith Hill, Joy to the World | | Paul Brandt's Christmas | | Jason McCoy |
| | 616 | 521 | 39 | SHO | The Outer Limits | | Howie Do It | Howie Do It | Kenny vs. | Kenny | Law & Order: UK | | Cra$h & Burn |
| | 294 | 529 | 47 | TBS | Family Guy | Family Guy | SEC Bowl Preview | | Law & Order: SVU | | House-Payne | House-Payne | The Office |
| | 581 | 566 | 52 | MTV | Over Bolts | Peak Season | Peak Season | After | After Show | Cribs | Teen Mom | | 1 girl 5 gays |
| | 603 | 561 | 56 | FOOD | Ricardo | Eat, Shrink | HEAT | The HEAT | Bobby Flay | Chef Abroad | Diners | Diners | Ramsay |
| | 300 | 601 | 301 | M1 | (7:15) *The Gambler, the Girl and the Gunslinger* | | | | *Che* ★★★ (2008, Biography) Benicio Del Toro. | | | | *The Cell 2* |

## SATURDAY

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| 12/19/09 primetime | 265 | 353 | 2 | TVO | Australia: Land of Parrots | | *The Age of Innocence* ★★★ (1993, Drama) Daniel Day-Lewis. | | | | | Interviews (N) | *Besieged* |
| | 211 | 331 | 3 | GTV | Santa Claus Parade | | Project Runway Canada | | *Blind Trust* (2007, Suspense) Jessica Capshaw. | | | | News Final |
| | 215 | 343 | 4 | OMN1 | Na Luzie | | Svitohliad | Objektyv | Russian Waves | | Outcasts: A Love Story | | Presenza |
| | 210 | 302 | 6 | CBC | NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at Toronto Maple Leafs. (HDTV) (Live) | | | | | | NHL Hockey: Capitals at Oilers | | |
| | 214 | 344 | 7 | CITY | My RONA Home | | Glenn Martin | Out There | *In Her Mother's Footsteps* (2006, Suspense) | | | | News |
| | 212 | 313 | 8 | CTV | Christmas- White House | | Muppets Christmas: Letters | | *Chasing Christmas* (2005, Drama) (DVS) | | | | CTV News |
| | 218 | 345 | 11 | CHCH | *Lassie* ★★★ (1994, Drama) Thomas Guiry, Helen Slater. | | | | *Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey* ★★ (1991, Comedy) | | | | News at 11 |
| | - | 387 | 16 | CBS | Paid Program | Paid Program | *Elf* ★★★ (2003, Comedy) Will Ferrell, James Caan. | | | | (10:01) 48 Hours Mystery | | News 4 at 11 |
| | - | 385 | 17 | NBC | Paid Program | Tim McCarver | Muppets Christmas: Letters | | WWE Tribute to the Troops | | Law & Order: SVU | | News |
| | - | 386 | 18 | ABC | A New Smile, a New Life | | *The Santa Clause 2* ★★ (2002, Comedy) Tim Allen. | | | | Castle (HDTV) | | News |
| | 219 | 346 | 20 | ACH-B | The Road to Avonlea | | *Anne of Green Gables* ★★★ (1985, Drama) (DVS) | | | | Stargate Atlantis | | A News |
| | - | - | 28 | FOX | Paid Program | Holiday Gift | Cops | Cops | America's Most Wanted | | Simpsons | Simpsons | Wanda Sykes |
| | - | 388 | 61 | PBS | All Creatures Great & Small | | Lark Rise to Candleford | | Sherlock Holmes | | (10:05) Poirot | | King Family |
| news | 500 | 500 | 33 | CNN | Newsroom | | Campbell Brown | | Larry King Live | | Newsroom | | Camp. Brown |
| sports | 405 | 417 | 22 | net | Poker | | NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at New Orleans Saints. (HDTV) (Live) | | | | | | |
| | 400 | 400 | 30 | TSN | NBA Basketball Portland Trail Blazers at Orlando Magic. | | | | | | SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live) | | Boxing |
| family | 551 | 542 | 25 | YTV | Flintstones | | He-Man, She-Ra Christmas | | Funniest Home Videos | | Survive This | Ghost | Adrenaline |
| | 554 | 544 | 45 | TEL | The Legend of Frosty the Snowman Ice skate. | | | | Futurama | King of Hill | Chicken | Venture Bros. | Moral Orel |
| | 556 | 540 | 51 | FAM | Suite Life | Zoey 101 | Zack & Cody | Han. Montana | *On the 2nd Day of Christmas* ★★ (1997) | | | | *The Neverending Story* |
| cable variety | 615 | 520 | 31 | A&E | Criminal Minds | | Criminal Minds | | Criminal Minds | | Criminal Minds | | CSI: Miami |
| | 575 | 583 | 38 | CMT | Christmas Carol | | Gilmore Girls | | Gilmore Girls | | *12 Days of Christmas Eve* (2004, Drama) | | |
| | 616 | 521 | 39 | SHO | The Guard | | *Christmas Town* (2008, Romance-Comedy) | | | | *Superbad* ★★★ (2007, Comedy) | | |
| | 294 | 529 | 47 | TBS | House-Payne | House-Payne | Reba | Reba | Alabama's Christmas | | *Contact* (1997, Science Fiction) | | |
| | 581 | 566 | 52 | MTV | Over Bolts | Over Bolts | Peak Season | Peak Season | Peak Season | After | After Show | Cribs | Cribs |
| | 603 | 561 | 56 | FOOD | Glutton | Chef Abroad | Dear Food Network | | Gordon Ramsay: Cook | | Top Chef: Las Vegas | | The F Word |
| | 300 | 601 | 301 | M1 | (7:15) *Hotel for Dogs* ★★ (2009, Comedy) | | | | *Che* ★★★ (2008, Biography) Benicio Del Toro. | | | | *Wanted* |

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| 12/20/09 primetime | 265 | 353 | 2 | TVO | Centre of the Earth | | Continuing Adventures-Boy | | Touch of Frost "Dead End" (N) | | | Empire of the Word | |
| | 211 | 331 | 3 | GTV | Simpsons | Family Guy | Survivor: Samoa (HDTV) (Season Finale) (N) | | | | Survivor: Samoa | | News |
| | 215 | 343 | 4 | OMN1 | Torino | Building Faith | Voice of Courage | | Where Shall I Go | | Metropia | Metropia | Vamos |
| | 210 | 302 | 6 | CBC | Pooh | The Grinch | *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* (1989) | | | | CBC News: The National (N) | | Confidential |
| | 214 | 344 | 7 | CITY | Survivorman (DVS) | | Royal Pains | | Departures | | Conviction Kitchen | | News |
| | 212 | 313 | 8 | CTV | *Shrek the Third* ★★ (2007, Comedy), Eddie Murphy | | | | *The Bourne Supremacy* ★★★ (2004, Suspense) | | | | CTV News |
| | 218 | 345 | 11 | CHCH | *Gremlins* ★★★ (1984, Fantasy) Zach Galligan. | | | | *Reindeer Games* ★★ (2000, Crime Drama) Ben Affleck. | | | | News at 11 |
| | - | 387 | 16 | CBS | 60 Minutes (HDTV) (N) | | Survivor: Samoa (HDTV) (Season Finale) (N) | | | | Survivor: Samoa | | News 4 at 11 |
| | - | 385 | 17 | NBC | Football Night in America | | (8:15) NFL Football Minnesota Vikings at Carolina Panthers. (HDTV) (Live) | | | | | | |
| | - | 386 | 18 | ABC | Funniest Home Videos | | *The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause* ★ (2006) | | | | Desperate Housewives | | News |
| | 219 | 346 | 20 | ACH-B | Rita MacNeil-Personal Note | | *Anne of Green Gables* ★★★ (1985, Drama) (DVS) | | | | Stargate Atlantis "Trinity" | | A News |
| | - | - | 28 | FOX | NFL Football | The OT | Simpsons | Cleveland Sh | Family Guy | Amer Dad | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Cold Case |
| | - | 388 | 61 | PBS | The Lawrence Welk Show | | Nature (HDTV) (DVS) | | | | Masterpiece Classic "Cranford" (DVS) | | Independent |
| news | 500 | 500 | 33 | CNN | Newsroom | | Campbell Brown | | Larry King Live | | Newsroom | | Union |
| sports | 405 | 417 | 22 | net | NFL Football | Sportsnet Connected | | Skiing | Skiing: Giant Slalom | | Skiing | | Sportsnet |
| | 400 | 400 | 30 | TSN | Football Night in America | | (8:15) NFL Football Minnesota Vikings at Carolina Panthers. (HDTV) (Live) | | | | | | |
| family | 551 | 542 | 25 | YTV | *Christmas With the Kranks* | | SpongeBob | Family Biz | Smallville "Requiem" | | Survive This | Ghost | Adrenaline |
| | 554 | 544 | 45 | TEL | Little Spirit | 6TEEN (DVS) | | 6TEEN | Futurama | King of Hill | Bromwell | Rick & Steve | John |
| | 556 | 540 | 51 | FAM | Suite Life | Zoey 101 | Suite Life | Han. Montana | *One Magic Christmas* (1985, Fantasy) | | | | *Willy Wonka & Chocolate* |
| cable variety | 615 | 520 | 31 | A&E | Criminal Minds | | Criminal Minds | | Criminal Minds | | Jackson Family | | Jacksons |
| | 575 | 583 | 38 | CMT | Carrie Underwood | | Faith Hill, Joy to the World | | Backstage | Wilsons | Wilsons | Wilsons | Wilsons |
| | 616 | 521 | 39 | SHO | Cra$h & Burn | | *Christmas Caper* (2007, Comedy-Drama) | | | | *Smokin' Aces* ★★ (2007, Action) | | |
| | 294 | 529 | 47 | TBS | *Titanic* ★★★★ (1997, Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane. | | | | | | | | *Titanic* |
| | 581 | 566 | 52 | MTV | Peak Season | After | After Show | Cribs | Cribs | Cribs | Real World-Road Rules | | 1 girl 5 gays |
| | 603 | 561 | 56 | FOOD | Challenge | | Challenge | | Iron Chef America | | In Search of Perfection | | Unwrapped |
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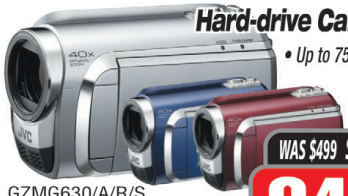

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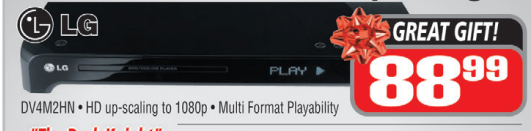


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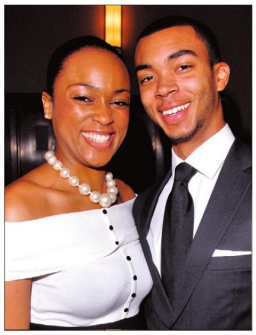


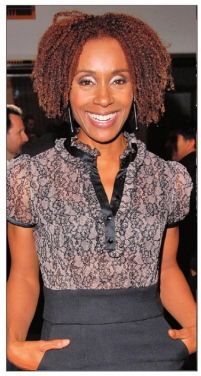
Guests Jessica Astwood and Ahmad Ahad.

Film director Terry Gilliam.

**THE AMERICAN EXPRESS gala screening series had movie-goers enjoying a special pre-release presentation of The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus, at Toronto's premiere event venue, the Carlu. The red-carpet affair had guests warming up to the night's chill with a pre-reception cocktail. After the show, guests gathered for a delicious dinner and a late night toast to the season. Happy holidays everyone!**

**RIGHT:** Actress Melanie Papalia.

American Express president Denise Pickett and vice-president of advertising and sponsorship David Barnes.



Gala screening emcee ET Canada reporter Rosey Edeh.

Guests, from left, Christine Law, Margo Leach and Irene Ngo.

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**Seinfeld to replace O'Brien?**
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### We Are Busy Bodies 5th Anniversary
When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: The Garrison

With bands like Cuff the Duke and Japanther, five-year-old local indie label We Are Busy Bodies celebrate. $10/$5 with canned food. 1197 Dundas W.

### White Cowbell Oklahoma
When: Friday, 9 p.m.
Where: Lee's Palace

Though born in Canada, the cowboy hats and greasy licks make White Cowbell Oklahoma as American as apple pie. You bring the grime; they'll bring the southern riffs. $15.

### Jay Sean
When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Hershey Centre

This one-man boy band from West London, UK will have fans screaming and dancing this weekend to songs from his latest album, All Or Nothing. $55-$85.

### Cinderella in Mudy York
When: Friday to Jan. 1
Where: Tarragon Theatre

Cinderella's pumpkin carriage is headed to York's Government House ball for Puppetmongers' revisiting of their 1999 Dora-nominated production. 16; children/students/seniors $13. 30 Bridgman. 416-531-1827. puppetmongers.com.

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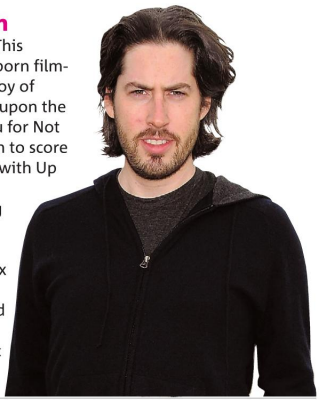
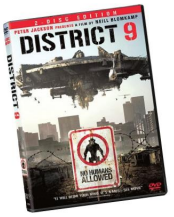
## Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

### 1 Jason Reitman
DIRECTOR This Canadian-born filmmaker is the new It Boy of Hollywood. He burst upon the scene with Thank You for Not Smoking and went on to score a hit with Juno. Now with Up In The Air, he seems poised to soar during awards season. The George Clooney-starring film picked up six Golden Globe nominations this week and is a clear favourite to work the same magic at the Oscars.



### 2 Kid sings Jason Mraz
VIDEO A five-year-old proves that not knowing the lyrics to a song and being out of tune are no impediments to stardom. Armed with a ukulele, the Japanese boy sings the ubiquitous I'm Yours on this viral video, which has garnered close to five million hits. Take that, cute kittens.

### 3 District 9
DVD James Cameron, take note: It only takes $30 million to make arguably one of the best sci-fi films ever. Set in his native South Africa, director Neill Blomkamp targets everything from xenophobia to class conflict in this start-to-finish entertainer. And it's not all politics — there are plenty of things blowing up and oozing out to keep Michael Bay-fed audiences happy as well.




### 4 Decade/year-end lists
NEWS Nickelback best of band of the decade (Billboard)? Animal Collective's My Girls best song of the year (Pitchfork)? When it comes to media, 'tis the season of those authoritative, we-know-it-all picks. And, thanks to the end of the first 10 years of the millennium, we get two lists of each instead of one.

### 5 Cleaving: Julie Powell
BOOK Subtitled A Story of Marriage, Meat and Obsession, this memoir serves up tales from the slaughterhouse and garnishes them with the dirty entrails of the writer's own marriage gone bad. It's a particularly bloody affair — replete with both adultery and offal. A far cry from the sad-but-content Powell we were getting used to from Julie & Julia.

### 6 Avatar
FILM Actually, Did You Hear About The Morgans? was our first choice ... just kidding. No movie opening this week can stand up to the gazillion-dollar behemoth that is Avatar. Ontario-born James Cameron dishes out the ultimate Hollywood spectacle in as many cinematic forms as you can imagine — 2-D, 3-D and IMAX. So, the big box-office question is: Will it sink Titanic?

### 7 Nine: OST
ALBUM Chicago director Rob Marshall revives the 1982 award-winning musical, which was based on Frederico Fellini's arthouse hit 81/2. Everyone from Black Eyed Peas' Fergie to Nicole Kidman to Penelope Cruz flex their vocal chords for this big screen adaptation of the story of an Italian filmmaker and the women in his life.

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# Stars join forces to 'stand up' to cancer

**When Dave Stewart of Eurythmics fame was called on to create a song for an anti-cancer campaign, he was surprised at how easily it came to him and with just the right tone.**

"It's very uplifting," he says of Stand Up to Cancer, which he started writing and recording on his laptop in bed right after awakening one morning.

"You don't really hear the word sung out or spoken out loud a lot. Cancer, putting the word in a song, is a very powerful thing for people recovering from cancer or in treatment."

Find it online: su2c.org

Stewart did the song for the latest campaign by Stand Up to Cancer, which raises awareness of the disease and money to help speed research into new treatments.

He created several versions, including one with violinist Anne Marie Calhoun, his co-writer.

The disease has hit friends and his mother, Stewart says, adding, "I think everyone is kind of surrounded by it."

Stand Up 2 Cancer on Demand debuted this week for Comcast cable households and features music videos on demand from more than 60 artists including Alicia Keys, Bruce Springsteen and Lady Gaga.

Viewers, who are encouraged to donate to the cause, can also see highlights of a spot directed by filmmaker Jesse Dylan, who created will.i.am's Yes We Can video. The full video, with stars including Renee Zellweger, Josh Groban, and Mandy Moore, debuts next month.

Stewart's tune, which he also recorded with British singer Joss Stone, is used elsewhere in the TV campaign and online.

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## Melanie's battle

• A representative for actress Melanie Griffith, 52, says the actress has had surgery to remove early stages of skin cancer from her face in order to avoid further complications, spokeswoman Robin Baum said yesterday.

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In this May 19, 2009, file photo, singer Ashanti Douglas, left, poses with her mother Tina Douglas at a preview for the The Wiz.

# Ashanti's mom testifies against alleged stalker

**TRIAL** A fan obsessed with R&B star Ashanti composed a barrage of creepy text messages detailing his lewd fantasies about the multiplatinum-selling singer, her mother testified yesterday at the man's trial.

Tina Douglas told a Manhattan jury that Devard Hurd also attached photos of male genitals to some of the more than 30 rambling text messages sent to her cellphone over several weeks earlier this year.

"It was just disgusting and humiliating and extremely frightening," Douglas said.

Hurd, a gym worker from Indiana, was arrested in July on charges of stalking and harassment after ignoring repeated warnings by Ashanti's family to stop trying to contact her through her mother, Assistant District Attorney Carolina Holderness said in opening statements.

"The defendant refused to listen," the prosecutor said. "The messages became more personal and more offensive."

Defence attorney Richard Verchick said Hurd was misunderstood.

"Sending pictures and texts is not crime," he said. "The intent was never to harass Tina or Ashanti. . . . What he wanted was what we all want in life — love."

Douglas, who manages her daughter, testified that she "freaked out" and pulled her daughter out of a rehearsal of The Wiz after receiving a text that mentioned seeing Ashanti's car as it arrived at the theatre. Ashanti starred as Dorothy in an off-Broadway revival of the musical.

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## Entertainment in brief

**TRIBUTE** Robert De Niro and Leonardo DiCaprio are set to celebrate director Martin Scorsese when they present him with the Cecil B. DeMille Award at next month's Golden Globe Awards.

**REALITY TV** The creator of American Idol is going beyond TV with a project that will tell the story of five young people trying to make it in Hollywood with online audience feedback. Starting in early 2010, Simon Fuller's If I Can Dream will follow three aspiring actors, a model and a musician whose experiences will be streamed live.

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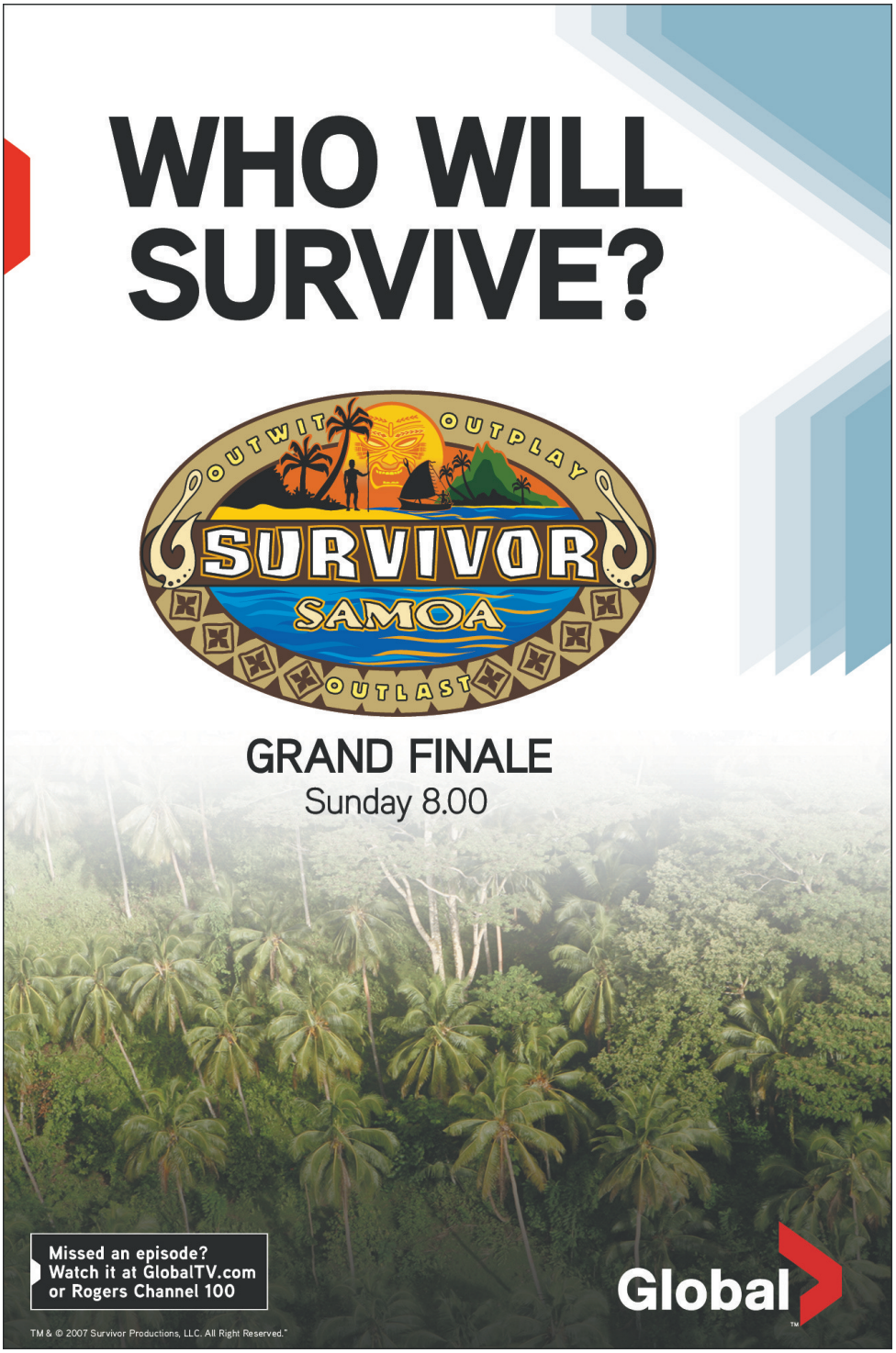

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Clockwise from left, Paris Michael Jackson, Falcon Heene (a.k.a. Balloon Boy) and Levi Johnston were among the top pop-culture newsmakers of 2009.

# Watershed 2009 moments

## Falcon Heene, Jackson death, Rihanna assault among year's top news

**Little Falcon Heene of "Balloon Boy" fame surely had no idea he was encapsulating an entire year of popular culture when he told his parents on national TV: "You guys said that we did this for the show."**

Seeking fame is nothing new for Americans — after all, it was back in 1968 that Andy Warhol first postulated that everyone would get 15 minutes.

What distinguished Heene's parents, or famous party crashers Tareq and Michaele Salahi, was how they were seeking it: They wanted a reality show. (Fifteen minutes plus commercials, give or take.)

Reality TV has been around for a decade, but this year the genre seemed to seep into our popular culture in uncomfortable ways.

But we're getting ahead of ourselves. Without further ado, our journey through some of the top pop culture moments of 2009:

**JANUARY:** Yes, a new president is inaugurated in Washington, ensuring at least four years of hipper guests in the White House and cultural ramifications too profound to contemplate. But seven days later in California, one of the year's truly peculiar stories is born, literally: Nadya Suleman, bearing a disconcerting resemblance to Angelina Jolie, gives birth to octuplets, which expand the single mom's brood to 14 and earn her the moniker Octomom.

**FEBRUARY:** Star Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps is caught in a tabloid photo smoking from a marijuana pipe. Sponsor Kellogg Co. drops him, but he largely survives — and in the summer, following a three-month competition ban, he's the new face of the Subway sandwich chain. Tiger Woods should be so lucky.

**MARCH:** Surprise! Bristol Palin confirms she's done with Levi Johnston, and experts, who note that most teen pregnancies end in broken relationships, hope it can be a teachable moment. Pop singer Rihanna is shockingly beaten by her boyfriend, singer Chris Brown, and initially returns to him. Later, Rihanna leaves Brown and becomes a voice against domestic violence.

**APRIL:** Susan Boyle, a plain-looking woman of 48 from Scotland who stuns the world with her rendition of I Dreamed a Dream on Britain's Got Talent. She's an instant icon for anyone who has ever, well, dreamed a dream.

**MAY:** Adam Lambert takes American Idol by storm The glam rock singer with the banshee wail, guyliner and black nail polish comes out as gay after the show is over, surprising none.

**JUNE:** Michael Jackson's stunning, premature death at 50 becomes one of those "Where were you when?" moments.

**JULY:** There is a rare and fascinating sighting at Jackson's star-studded memorial service in Los Angeles: 11-year-old Paris Michael Jackson, previously only seen in paparazzi shots, her face covered by a veil. "Ever since I was born, Daddy has been the best father you could ever imagine," she says into the microphone. A child who had seemed, with her siblings, a mere oddity is revealed to be a lovely, self-possessed young girl.

**AUGUST:** Chilling news for reality television: Ryan Jenkins, known as a sweet-talking contestant on VH1's Megan Wants a Millionaire, hangs himself days after his ex-model wife's body is discovered

**OCTOBER:** This is really the month of Richard Heene's brazen and misguided attempt to use his six-year-old son as a means to a reality show gig. The nation is unified and transfixed as it watches the silver balloon, perhaps carrying Falcon, floats across Colorado. Then it's disgusted.

**NOVEMBER:** Tiger Woods drives into a fire hydrant and a tree.

**DECEMBER:** And the fallout seems to know no bounds, as tabloids come out with new reports daily of women claiming to have had sex with the golfer, including at least one former reality cast member.

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**Gosselins still to be married in 2010**
Jon and Kate Gosselin will still be husband and wife in 2010, as the couple are waiting to finalize their divorce, TVGuide.com has confirmed. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Authors pick their '00s faves

**It was the decade of Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code, J.K. Rowling's walloping wizard series Harry Potter, and Stephenie Meyer's smash vampire saga Twilight.**

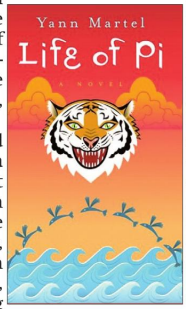
Other bestsellers included the shipwreck story Life of Pi by Montreal's Yann Martel, which won the Man Booker Prize; Alice Sebold's haunting teenage tale The Lovely Bones; and the post-apocalyptic, Pulitzer Prize-winning The Road by Cormac McCarthy.

The Canadian Press surveyed homegrown authors on which books made an impression on them in the first decade of the 21st century.

Writer-broadcaster Erika Ritter named 2000's hit corporation critique No Logo: Taking Aim at the Brand Bullies by Toronto-based journalist and activist Naomi Klein.

"It seems to me that a lot of important seeds were planted by No Logo, not just in Canada but abroad," said Toronto-based Ritter, a recent finalist for the Writers' Trust non-fiction prize for The Dog by the Cradle The Serpent Beneath: Some Paradoxes of Human-Animal Relationships.

"The fact that a relatively young (30 at the time of the book's publication) Canadian woman took such square aim on issues of capitalism, globalization, the flight of jobs, brand-name tyranny and much more in a way that put those issues on the agenda of the 21st century, right at the dawn of that century, is, to me, convincing evidence of how influential this book was and continues to be."




Klein herself was struck by Burlington, Ont.-based author Lawrence Hill's 2007 historical novel The Book of Negroes, which won the Commonwealth Writers' Prize and the Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize.

"Hill's masterpiece encompasses the sweep of the transatlantic slave trade, from capture through emancipation to resettlement on two continents," said Klein, who recently re-released No Logo with an updated introduction.

"While never once feeling like a history lesson, Hill goes after not just the cruel traders and owners but also some of the supposed liberators, forcing us to re-examine cherished Canadian myths."

The year before Hill's book came out. The Road by U.S.-based McCarthy stunned legions of readers, including mystery novelist and screenwriter Giles Blunt of North Bay, Ont.

With its "spare, almost surgical style" of writing, the 2006 novel — which is now a major motion picture — has hit Blunt harder than any other book he's read in the past 10 years, he said.

"It's one of the few novels ever written that I would describe as truly visionary," said Blunt, who released his latest book, Breaking Lorca, earlier this year.

For Lori Lansens — a Chatham, Ont., native known for her acclaimed conjoined-twin tale The Girls — it was the 2002 Canada/U.S. western Last Crossing by Saskatoon's Guy Vanderhaeghe that haunted.

The story, about the search for a lost man in the late 1800s, is one Lansens will "never forget."

"The descriptions of the landscape, the wildlife and the uncertain and cruel weather are breathtaking," said Lansens, who now lives in California and recently released The Wife's Tale.

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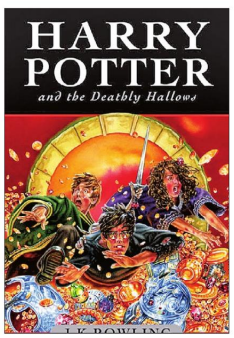
Author Naomi Klein is shown in a 2007 handout photo. Erika Ritter favoured No Logo by Naomi Klein as Canadian authors picked their favourite book of the decade.




# Ahab to hunt his whale next fall

**TELEVISION** The treacherous waves crash against the hull of the Pequod while a whale, its gleaming body shimmering in the sun, rises out of the sea and batters the creaking vessel.

The creature breaches the ship and water starts rushing in, spelling doom for the motley crew led by the fanatical Captain Ahab on a do or die mission to kill the monster mammal.

High seas? No, the water tank of the Malta Film Facilities on the tiny Mediterranean island.

The shattering impact of the whale with the creaking whaling vessel is only one dramatic moment in a made-for-TV film based on Herman Melville's classic Moby Dick.

The film, estimated to cost $25.5 million US, is due to be completed by autumn 2010. Shooting started in Lunenburg near Halifax in mid-September. After filming in Malta, it will be back to a Halifax studio to shoot the scenes below deck.

Playing Captain Ahab is Academy Award winner William Hurt. Charlie Cox is Ishmael, the sailor who narrates the odyssey. Others in the cast include Academy Award nominee Ethan Hawke as first officer Starbuck and veteran Canadian actor Donald Sutherland as Father Mapple. The film's international publicists say Moby Dick is planned for broadcast in the fall of 2010.

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**Milestone for CBC Radio 3**

CBC Radio 3 celebrated on Wednesday the 20,000th artist to upload music on the site's vast and eclectic collection of Canadian independent music. Vancouver's Jasper Sloan Yip checks in as artist No. 20,000. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# The man behind Toxic's sound

## Bon Jovi keyboardist David Bryan pens music for adaptation of cult film classic

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada

**It's about the underdog, in all his green and sludgy glory.**

One might speculate that if David (oh-yeah-right-that-blond-guy-from-Bon-Jovi) Bryan spent as much time in the spotlight as his bandmates Jon Bon Jovi and Richie Sambora, The Toxic Avenger Musical may not have been enjoying its current run at The Music Hall (147 Danforth Ave.).

The adaptation of the cult film classic about the deformed, radioactive superhero (starring Evan Alexander Smith and Louise Pitre) is the brainchild of the Bon Jovi keyboardist and longtime collaborator Joe DiPietro and is chock-full of theatrical, driving rock tunes with unapologetic, politically incorrect camp.

"It's about p—ing off and offending as many people as possible," Bryan laughs, assuring that though it met success off-Broadway, this repertoire would never see the light of day on a Bon Jovi stage.

"We were just, 'go go go' with this treatment and it was really f—ing funny. We laughed our a—es off," says Bryan.

"But what really sold it for me was that I'm a songwriter, and I was looking for somewhere to demo my work. And with this musical, I got the chance to demo 20 of my songs, eight times a week. You can't beat that."

From a creative standpoint, it certainly tops the main gig for which he's most known. Bryan admitted to frustration with the democracy — or lack of — in the band dynamic.

With Sambora in tow, Jon acts as a kind of benevolent dictator, writes the songs and ultimately decides the direction of the band, leaving little room for Bryan to do anything but stay in the back and tap his keys.

Nevertheless, it's not a job he would trade, and notes that Bon Jovi, Sambora and drummer Tico Torres show great support for his side project.

"It is what it is," says Bryan. "Every band has some sort of structure like that. Do I want to be in the front? No. They can have it. I'm happy in the back doing what I do, and I get to write musicals too."

Add the bonus of putting his mark on the first-ever superhero from his home state of New Jersey, affectionately referred to by New Yorkers, he says, as "their dumping ground."

The tale recounts Tromaville native Melvin Ferd the Third, who after getting dumped into a vat of radioactive waste by thugs mutates into Toxie, an oozing biohazard defending his state, and his blind librarian paramour, against a villainous governor.

Both on and off the stage, it's your archetypal hard-luck protagonist fighting the uphill battle story: The musical about an anti-hero — written in part by one of the "other" guys from Bon Jovi, looking for his own moment to shine — fighting for the welfare of a state that, up until recent times (Jon Stewart, Kevin Smith, Jersey Boys and The Sopranos to name some real and fictional Garden State exports) has always played a cultural second banana to New York.

"A lot of that is changing because we're getting recognized now," Bryan says of his home.

"We were at this gig in Hong Kong and this guy comes up to us and says, 'so you're from Joy-sey, huh?' And we're like, 'How the f—k does this guy know about the Jersey accent? He's from Hong Kong!'"

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The adaptation of cult film classic The Toxic Avenger is the brainchild of Bon Jovi keyboardist David Bryan, above, and longtime collaborator Joe DiPietro.

> **"It's about pissing off and offending as many people as possible."**
> David Bryan

### Toxic Tickets

- The Toxic Avenger Musical is currently playing at The Music Hall (147 Danforth Ave.). More details at toxicavengertoronto.com.

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**Diddy wants Barack as daddy**

P. Diddy wants to be adopted by US President Barack Obama. P. Diddy — real name Sean Combs — said: "I ain't going to lie — if God said I could pick one person to be my father, I'd want to be Sean Combs Obama." FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

# Arcade Fire burning bright at end of decade

**As far as introductions go, it's tough to top the incandescent initiation received by Arcade Fire.**

It was Sept. 12, 2004, when the influential, stubbornly snobby music webzine Pitchfork published a gushing review of Funeral, the 10-song debut record from the Montreal band.

"It's taken perhaps too long for us to reach this point where an album is at last capable of completely and successfully restoring the tainted phrase 'emotional' to its true origin," read the review.

Just like that, word spread like, um, wildfire. The budding blogosphere was quick to hoist the indie-rockers onto its collective shoulders, and soon the band was rising to lofty heights.

But unlike many of the other similarly feted groups of the past 10 years, Arcade Fire wasn't discarded as quickly. In a decade where music was disposable, Funeral did the near-impossible: it refused to die.

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Arcade Fire guitarists Richard Parry, left, Will Bulter, second left, and singer Win Butler, third left.

Over the past few weeks, Funeral has been featured in the top 10 of end-of-decade album lists compiled by Rolling Stone, NME, Entertainment Weekly, the Guardian, Pitchfork, the Irish Times, the Independent and the Onion. Strains of the album's influence can be found in everything from past blogger favourites such as Clap Your Hands Say Yeah to the orchestral-influenced arena-rock amplitude of Coldplay.

And Montreal, which deservedly drew as much attention as any rock town since Seattle in the wake of Funeral, continues to rapidly output noteworthy bands.

Looking back on the past 10 years, it's clear that only a select list of artists — Canadian or otherwise — can compete with what Arcade Fire accomplished.

"Record of the decade? I'd have to go with that," Hey Rosetta frontman Tim Baker said of Funeral during a recent a telephone interview.

"They really just changed the face of pop music."

The manner in which they did it, too, remains something of a wonder.

After years of shifting lineups and juggling band members, Arcade Fire began making noise around Montreal in 2003 after self-releasing an EP. Initially, it was their raucous, almost confrontational live show that inspired buzz.

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**Jennifer Jones, 90, dies**

A publicist says Jennifer Jones, who was nominated for Academy Awards five times and won for her portrayal of a saintly nun in The Song of Bernadette, has died at age 90. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# A family holiday outing

## Cinderella of Muddy York recasts the tale in 19th century Toronto

JOHN KEILLOR
for Metro Canada

**Real "family" entertainment means mom and dad and the in-laws are stimulated too.**

Toronto's Puppetmongers Theatre emphasizes material good for all ages, this year mounting Cinderella of Muddy York, recasting an ancient tale in 19th century Toronto. With 35 years experience, Puppetmongers offer technical mastery and stories to satisfy kindergarteners and grandparents.

This commitment to everyone's satisfaction can cause controversy.

"In the United States, we're regarded as "adult" entertainment," says puppetmaster Anne Powell by phone. "Partly it's because we try to write material that adults will enjoy just as much, but it's also that in the U.S., they have a different idea of what children's entertainment is."

It's true that children's entertainment is less free-spirited than it used to be. Those of us who grew up before cable television remember when kids' shows and cartoons were a bit grittier and much funnier. Today, cartoons for kids seem to shield their young audiences from just about everything.

"We have a lot of respect for our young audiences," Powell says, "and our shows are very rich. In the U.S., they want something simpler."

Many parents will prefer Puppetmongers' less sanitized themes and freer stories.

"All our shows deal with themes of kindness and generosity" says Powell, "not in a hitting-you-over-the-head way, but without the old sexist or bigoted attitudes."

**Cinderella at Muddy York is on now until Jan. 2**

Video games and DVDs are great, but they're no substitute for a live family outing.

"The Tarragon Theatre's Extra Space is intimate, with just 100 seats," says Powell. "The audience is very close. It's all very low tech, but the crowd stays with us. We already understand how modern media has created shorter attention spans and different expectations. "

Founded in 1974, Puppetmongers Theatre consist of siblings Anne and David Powell, and their director Sue Milner. For most of the year, they tour North America and collaborate with other theatre and puppet companies. The trio wrote Cinderella of Muddy York, and built the sets and puppets themselves.

"We've been running a puppet company since we were children," explains Powell, "before we went through the Ontario College of Art. That's where we learned more about making things."

Fully trained and accredited, Puppetmongers won the 2003 President's Award from the Puppeteers of America, along with two Dora nominations a slew of other prizes from both sides of the border. Now in its 10th year, Cinderella in Muddy York is masterful, live holiday entertainment.

Cinderella at Muddy York continues at Tarragon Theatre's Extra Space. Tickets are $13 to $16. To order, call 416-531-1827.


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# Snuba is the new scuba diving

## All of the underwater adventure, none of the bulky equipment

**Breathing underwater was a strange sensation. It was even stranger because I've never been scuba-certified. Stranger yet that my wife — who is reluctant to even duck her head under water — was happily swimming more than four metres underwater behind me as we plumbed the depths on this island off the coast of Honduras.**

We had discovered Snuba, a hybrid of snorkeling and scuba diving that was an exciting way to experience breathing underwater while not having to go through hardcore training. It has its limitations — namely, a six-metre airline attached to a raft above — but for a new way to experience watery depths, it can't be beat.

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Only 70 locations around the globe offer snuba diving.

Snuba has been around since at least the late 1980s, when a group of California divers started Snuba International to export the sport. It still isn't offered in many places in the U.S. beyond a few beaches in California, Florida and Hawaii. But it's caught on in the Caribbean, where tourists go Snuba diving from Aruba to Turks and Caicos. Other destinations include Cancun, Mexico, and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

My wife and I tried it in Roatan, Honduras, shortly after the travel advisories were lifted.

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Snuba diving is a hybrid of snorkeling and scuba diving.

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## U.S. travel to Canada on the decline

**STATSCAN** Travel by United States residents to Canada fell 2.6 per cent between September and October to 1.6 million trips, the first decline in travel by Americans to Canada in four months.

Statistics Canada reports U.S. travellers made 943,000 overnight trips to Canada in October, down 2.7 per cent from September. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

**1.7** Overall, inbound travel into Canada dropped 1.7 per cent between September and October to two million trips. Travel by Canadians abroad edged down 0.1 per cent to four million trips. Overall, travel to the U.S. by Canadians edged up to 3.3 million trips.

# Snuba diving perfect for avid swimmers

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Our Snuba experience on this tropical island started with a training session on safety procedures. We were outfitted with flippers, a weight belt, a mask and a regulator linked to a long, snaking tube. It was all surprisingly light, mostly because the tube is connected to an oxygen tank that rests comfortably on a small raft.

We practiced for a few minutes in shallow water, getting a feel for our newfound ability to breathe underwater and the strange, almost tickling sensation we got when we inhaled.

We were told to try our best to breathe normally, as our oxygen tank only had a 45-minute reservoir of air and gasping can deplete it more quickly. And we were also taught to hold our nose and breathe every metre or so to equalize our pressure as we plummeted.

The experience itself would be nothing new for certified divers, and probably a little frustrating. But for an avid swimmer like me who has always wanted to get scuba-certified, the ability to skim new depths was exhilarating.

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Snuba diving is accessible to all ages.

Our guide went with us as we waded deeper into the water. The moment we got there we took advantage, plunging as deep as we could, skimming the tops of coral reefs and tracking the colourful fish darting in and out of our paths.

The water wasn't that deep, so our six-metre rope never seemed to block us from going deeper. It was also nice to know that even if the hose somehow malfunctioned we were still shallow enough we could make it back to the surface within a few seconds.

There were some problems, though. For one, you have to go the same pace as everyone else tethered to your raft.

The tubes can also be a hindrance. If you don't watch out while you're swimming, you could be part of an elaborate knot that must be untangled. And you can feel a tug at your mouthpiece if you're too far ahead or behind the others, or if a stiff wind or heavy current pulls the raft above.

But my biggest problem with Snuba is that it left me wanting more.

I wanted to go faster, deeper and stay underwater longer.

And my only cure might have to be graduating to the next level: Scuba diving. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## Celebrity Buzz

### Frances Bean slaps Love with restraining order

**NO SNARK, JUST SAD** Courtney Love's custody debacle seems to only be getting worse, as a Los Angeles judge has now issued a restraining order keeping her from seeing her daughter, Frances Bean Cobain, according to Page Six.

The order was reportedly acquired after Love took to her Facebook account to savage her daughter with a series of expletive-laden rants after losing custody of the 17-year-old.

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# Hermione tops decade's highest-paid actress list

**BOX OFFICE MAGICIAN** Emma Watson is the highest paid actress of the past decade, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Harry Potter actress — who plays Hermione Granger in the wizard film series, which started in 2001 — has been awarded the title by the Guinness Book of World Records.

The 19-year-old star's starring role in the six films, as well as her voice part in animated movie The Tale Of Despereaux, helped take $5.4 billion US worldwide, putting the takings ahead of some of Hollywood's big players including Julia Roberts, Halle Berry and Cameron Diaz.

She also boasts the highest average box office receipts per movie, with each of her films making an average of $897,100,000.

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# Baxter to pen memoirs

**COMING OUT TO A BOOKSTORE NEAR YOU** Having come out in the pages of People earlier this month as a real-life lesbian mother, Meredith Baxter — who played the popular TV mom Elyse Keaton on the '80s sitcom Family Ties — will now put her entire story to paper, people.com reports.

This week, the Broadway Books imprint of Crown Publishing Group announced it had acquired a yet-to-be-written, yet-to-titled memoir by Baxter, who "will present a fully realized portrait of her life as an actress, mother of five children and grandmother, and will candidly discuss her fight with breast cancer, her 19 years of sobriety, entrepreneurship and her decision to come out," says the publisher, reports The New York Times.

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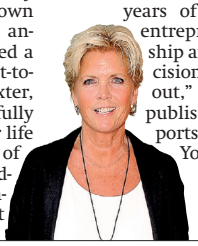

### Tiger romance rumours a "lie," says Simpson

**BUT PLEASE KEEP PUBLISHING STORIES ABOUT ME ANYWAY** Jessica Simpson was quick to set the record straight about rumors that she once flirted with Tiger Woods, taking to her Twitter account to refute a Star magazine cover story.

"Can't believe that I'm on the cover of star magazine with Tiger Woods, what a joke," Simpson posted on her account. "The Shocking Inside Story' is (insert drumroll) a lie!"

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### Celebrity tweets

Josh Groban is in the holiday spirit, Tyra Banks doesn't mean to be so difficult, Paris Hilton is staying in, and Kevin Spacey wants to hang out.

• @joshgroban I always think its cute when music press gets downright flabbergasted that christmas music is topping the charts in december.

• @tyrabanks i'm crazy. talking 'bout my tummy not feeling good from creamy ice cream then complaining when they don't give u enuf!

• @ParisHilton Just ordered Italian food to be delivered. Yum! So hungry!

• @KevinSpacey I am standing on stage at the Old Vic with Eddie Izzard who is just about to do his show. Come down for a drink.

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### Shia's sweet un-Hollywood date

**ECO-LOVE** Shia LeBeouf has been showing British girlfriend Carey Mulligan the sights of his hometown — by bus. The Transformers star was spotted making out with his Wall Street 2 co-star at a busstop near his Sherman Oaks, Calif., home before taking her out for lunch, shopping and a movie at a nearby mall, according to People magazine. "They are a very sweet couple," a source says.

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# Beckham's karaoke nightmares

**JUST FAKE AN INJURY, BECKS** David Beckham says it isn't easy sitting down to dinner with Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes, usmagazine.com reports.

"We were at dinner once with Tom and Katie ... and we sat there and everyone was like, 'OK, let's play a music game, let's start a singing game!'" Beckham, 34, recalled on George Lopez's TBS late night show, Lopez Tonight, on Wednesday

Singing in public, he said, "Is my worst nightmare!" Beckham said he noticed one of his friends was dining at another table nearby.

"So I was texting my friend, 'Oh, please, invite me to your table!'" said Beckham. "I kind of get uncomfortable with that."

Kidding aside, Cruise, 47, and Holmes, 30, "are amazing parents and really good people," Beckham said. "You say there's good looking people, and you look at Tom, and he's one of the most handsome men I've ever met."

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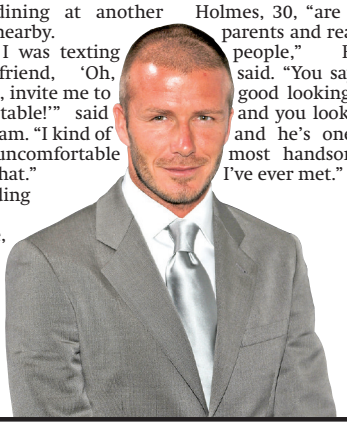

### Hugh Grant doesn't think he's 'special'

**IF ONLY MORE ACTORS HAD HALF AS MUCH SELF-AWARENESS** Hugh Grant doesn't think he's all that special. "I'm very picky but also very limited as an actor," Grant tells USA Today. "I've always said that if you give me an Ibsen script, I can get away with it. But there are a lot of people who can do it better."

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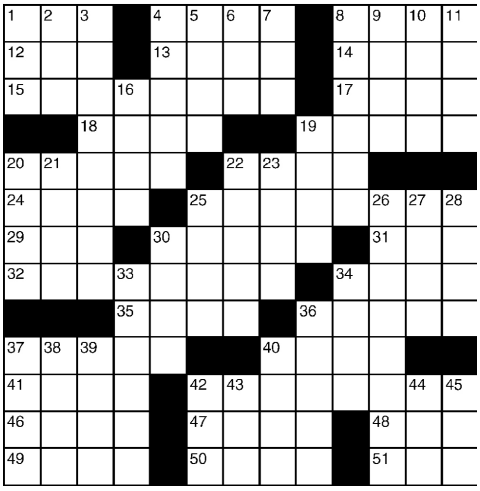

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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4 Talon
8 European capital
12 Rotation duration
13 Swearword
14 Satanic
15 Roget's list?
17 Edges
18 Hair salon supply
19 High nest
20 Ranch statistic
22 Isinglass
24 Lummox
25 Do the tourist thing
29 Felon's flight
30 Hiawatha's transport
31 Singer Sumac
32 Willing participant?
34 Heal, as a fracture
35 Addict
36 Theater array
37 Leonine comments
40 Dance lesson
41 Tel —
42 It makes a long story short
46 Put together
47 Inheritor
48 Wapiti
49 Coaster
50 Catch sight of
51 Crafty

**DOWN**

1 Billboards
2 Chesapeake or Hudson
3 Group of symptoms
4 Ice-cream parlor stack
5 Deposits
6 $ dispenser
7 "How come?"
8 Prepare leftovers
9 Finished
10 "La Boheme" role
11 Differently
16 — and terminer
19 Rue the run
20 Competent
21 Wheedle
22 Not that important
23 "Young Frankenstein" role
25 Fill till full
26 Spots between neurons
27 Send forth
28 Chows down on
30 Talk a blue streak?
33 Not straight
34 Retain
36 Tale
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